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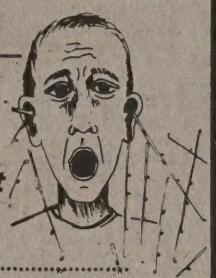

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The boating course follows the official curriculum of the U.S. Power Squadron, and teaches principles of safe boating, navigation, and rules of the road in ten, 2-hour sessions to all who are interested in acquiring these basic skills, or enhancing knowledge they may already have gained through personal experience. Join thousands of others who are taking this training nationally, and increase your boating pleasure this summer. For additional information, call 751-1294.

YOUNG BOATMAN'S COURSE

The Great South Bay Power Squadron will conduct a free New York State Young Boatman's Course for the general public on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30-9:30PM (two hours a night). The course will be held at West Islip Bayview School, Snedecor Avenue, West Islip. Youngsters must be between 10 and 16 years old.

For more information regarding this course, call Lt. Thomas J. Barone, Sr., at (516) 666-5713 after 6PM.

FREE BOATING COURSE

The Patchogue Bay Power Squadron, a unit of the U.S. Power Squadron, is offering a free boating course in Outboard, Inboard and Sail.

Registration will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1, 2, and 3, 1982. The time is 7:30 p.m. at the Patchogue High School, Buffalo Ave., Medford. Ownership of a boat is not required.

The course is open to men, women and teenagers. The 10 to 12 week course given by the Patchogue Bay Power Squadron will include boating skills, safety, maintenance and navigation.

For more information, contact Lt. Frank Herbert, 981-4324.

STEEPLECHASE PIER TO BE RESTORED BY NEXT SPRING

Reconstruction of the fire-damaged Steeplechase Pier in Coney Island will be completed by next spring, the City's Parks Department announced.

Work on the $465,000 project to rebuild the famous landmark started last July. The project calls for the demolition and removal of the burned and damaged pier structure, all existing decking and the wood benches and railings, Department officials said.

When completed, the pier will have new decking and new marine lighting. The pier has been closed to the public since it was hit by a suspicious blaze in November.

The fire marked the second time that fire has ravaged the pier. The original pier—built in 1904 by George Tilyou seven years after he built Steeplechase Park—was destroyed by fire in 1957.

Councilman Samuel Horwitz (D-L-Coney Island) commended the Parks Department for the "quick and efficient manner in which they moved to restore" the pier.

During the first half of the century, the 1,290 ft. pier served as a dock for excursion boats, transporting people between Manhattan and Coney Island. It was taken over by the City in 1921 and came under the supervision of the Parks Department in 1938.

After its docking facilities were damaged during World War II, the pier became a favorite spot for local fishermen.

Following the spectacular fire of 1957, Robert Moses, then the parks commissioner, spent $200,000 to rebuild the pier. The pier that reopened in 1958 was 950 ft. long with a 223 ft. T-bar across the end to provide additional space for fishermen.

The Parks Department said it does not intend to bring back a docking facility for pleasure but will restore the pier to the 1958 design.

FLUKE SPECIALIST LECTURE

The Lower Bay Anglers Fishing Club of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn is hosting Captain Phil Spadaro of the Rainbow, a Sheepshead Bay open boat. The topics covered will be winds, tide, current, fluking techniques, bait and tackle. This event takes place at the Masonic Club of Bay Ridge on Monday, March 1, 7:30PM.

SURF & SEA ANGLERS

The next meeting of the Shirley-based Surf & Sea Anglers fishing club will take place on March 1, 1982 at 8PM at the Forge River Boat Club in Mastic Beach.

Highlighting the meeting will be a special preview showing of a TV Documentary on Sharkfishing, taped during the 1981 Annual Surf & Sea Anglers Shark Tournament. Ed Wendol, Media Coordinator of the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau, was on hand with a camera crew and taped the Captains meeting, actual shark fishing and dockside activities. This is a rare opportunity which you will not want to miss!

The Surf & Sea Anglers is presently accepting applications for membership. All serious fishermen are cordially invited to attend the March

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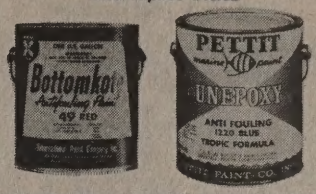

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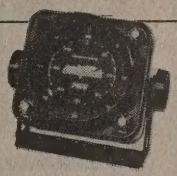

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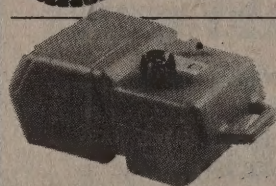

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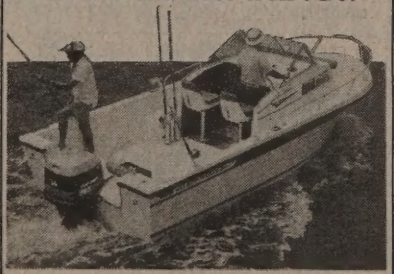

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It is our pleasure to inform you of our new slate of officers for 1982. They are:
President—Bill Young
Vice-Pres—Steve Petri, Sr.
Sec'y—Joseph Gennaro, Sr.
Treasurer—Warren Zagami
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We would also like to congratulate the outgoing officers on a fine job for 1981.

SALTWATER FLY FISHING LECTURE AND SLIDE SHOW

"Salty" Flyrodders of N.Y., Inc., announce that Don Avondolio will present a slide show and lecture on "Basic Saltwater Fly Fishing in Long Island Waters." Tackle, fly patterns, techniques, and fish locations will be discussed. Open House for all interested will be held 8PM sharp, March 1st at Grace Lutheran Church, Astoria Queens. Refreshments will be served to all after the lecture.

PROFESSIONAL BOATMEN'S FORUM AT SHEEPSHEAD BAY ON MARCH 2, 1982

The Second Annual Professional Boatmen's Forum will be held this year at the Knights of Baron DeKalb H all, 3000 Emmons Ave., Sheepshead Bay, Bklyn., NY. This day-long workshop for party and charter boat skippers, and all others associated with the business (or hoping to become involved in the future), is sponsored by the Sea Grant Extension Programs of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut in cooperation with the Atlantic Professional Boatmens Association, Inc.

Last year's initial forum was restricted to New York, but with the three states involved, this year's workshop will be bigger and better. Major subject areas include the following:

Who's Managing Your Future—Al Ristori, Moderator.

Fishery Stocks and Management Plans.

Innovations to Increase Profits—Capt. Howard Bogan, Jr., Moderator.

New Marine Electronics & Weather Technology—Capt. Carl Darenberg, Jr., Moderator

Managing to Make Money—Capt. Bob Patafio, Moderator.

The State of the Industry—Capt. John Wadsworth, Moderator.

Outstanding speakers will be featured at each session and manufacturers' displays will be available for viewing.

The day will start with coffee and buns at 9AM, with sessions running from 10AM-1PM and 2PM-5PM. A cold buffet lunch will be served in the hall. The fee for everything (including lunch) is $10 if paid in advance ($15 at the door). Make checks payable to: Cornell University and mail to New York Sea Grant, 39 Sound Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. If time is short, make a verbal commitment by phone to Bruce Deyoung at (516) 727-3910 and the $10 price will apply for payment at the door.

In conjunction with the Forum, the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association (the trade association for the passenger-carrying vessel industry) will be holding its first annual dinner and meeting at the same site. After the Forum is over, there will be an open bar at happy hour prices before the dinner starts at 7:15. This roast beef dinner is open to anyone who wishes to attend and will feature a distinguished speaker. Reservations may be made by sending $25 to Al Ristori, Executive Director, Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association, 2 Vermont Ct., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Once again, a phone commitment (201-334-8059) will hold this price. A few late-comers may be accommodated at the door at a $30 price.

In order to reach the hall, take the Knapp St. exit (#9) off Belt Parkway (from the east make a left turn; from the west, a right turn). At dead end (Emmons Ave.), turn right. Proceed on Emmons four blocks to Nostrand Ave. intersection (3000 Emmons Ave.). Phone number at the hall is (212) 743-6626.

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NEW SLATE FOR OAKDALE SPORTSMENS CLUB

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For further info call: Rich Jeffares, Publicity Chairman, (home) 516-567-6442; (business) 516-364-5719.

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The catalog may be obtained by sending $1.50 to: Seabrite Stainless Sales Company, Inc., Highway 35, Neptune City, N.J. 07753. It is available also at boat shows.

CHUM LINES

IS IT ILLEGAL?

I have been a subscriber to LIF for many years. This week I was fishing at Jones Beach Parking Field 6 around 11AM. A couple of private boats came into the surf and put out four gill nets. This prevented anyone from catching fish on the beach.

I would like to know if this is legal due to the fact that it was on State Park land. I have been fishing in this spot for many years and have never seen this before.

I would appreciate your taking the time to reply. I have encountered a self-addressed stamped envelope. *John E. Kosik, Flushing, NY.*

It is our understanding that gill netting west of Fire Island is illegal. Pressure from a growing legion of gill netters is creating a problem on Long Island. In fact, gill netting is a problem everywhere and in some parts of the country it has been banned completely. In a recent survey, gill netting was expressed to be the most abhorrent technique of commercial fishing as viewed by recreational fishermen and boaters. You can help by getting the number of boats that engage in illegal practices and reporting this information to the New York State DEC, the State Parks and Recreation Commission at Babylon, and your local police. If we do not take an active role in demanding enforcement there will likely be none. We hope to introduce legislation that will control the "bloom" growth of gill netting. Dr. W.A. Muller.

TECHNIQUES ON A JETTY

I was hoping you could help me with a question. This past summer I purchased a book from The Fisherman's Library. It was the First Book of Angling Ideas. Chapter 3 was bass, bucktails, and breachways, which discussed the method of casting and retrieving bucktails from jetties. On a trip to Wildwood, NJ I tried this method. I had great results: 31 weakfish, 2 bass, 4 blues. The question is while netting these fish (not gaffing) via 12 ft. long net, is the protective mucous coating damaged by the plastic knitted net? Also, will a carefully handled fish live if dropped from a rock five to ten feet above the water? Next year I would like to release most of my catch. Your answer on this matter would be a great help to me (and the fish). Your loyal reader, *Barry Howell, Bklyn, NY*

Theorectically, a fish can be damaged by any handling. However, although gaffing obviously will inflict immediate damage (unless lip gaffed), landing a fish by hand or with a net should not damage a fish if the process is done carefully. For example, it makes little sense to carefully net a fish only to drop it with a thud onto very hard rocks. As far as dropping fish into the water, we can be less sure of our success. It depends upon many factors. For example, how big was the fish and how long and hard did it fight? Was it bleeding when the hook was removed? How deep is the water the fish will be dropped into? Are there rocks under the surface that a dropped fish might hit after it enters the water? In general, small bass, blues, and weaks can probably be released with a high level of success providing the water is five to seven feet deep at least, and there are no rocks under the surface where the fish will enter. Larger specimens will likely require a short period of "walking" or resuscitation. Dr. W. A. Muller.

RAIN ON MY FISHING

My name is Matt Graff and I'm 11-years-old. I have been reading The Long Island Fisherman for about two years now. Let me say "It's the most fantastic magazine in the world." Each week I look forward to the new tips and exciting stories your magazine brings.

I have written to you because I would like the answer to a question that has been burning in my mind for years. The question is: What effect does rain have on fishing? I have been fishing for a few years now and think it is the best sport going, but I have noticed rain seems to improve fishing. Is this true or is it my imagination. Anxiously awaiting your reply, *Matt Graff, Setauket, NY.*

Thanks for your appreciation of our publication. We've been asked about the connection between rain and fishing many times, yet the question seems no less interesting or important because of previous exposure. Frankly, I've experienced as many bad fishing days associated with rain as good ones; yet in the surf I prefer a little rain for several reasons. One, the rain cuts down on casual traffic and two, the raindrops on the surface can give a little life to otherwise mirror-like water and perhaps encourage a game fish to wander into shallow water. One thing about rain on people that doesn't work on fish—people get wet! Dr. W.A. Muller.

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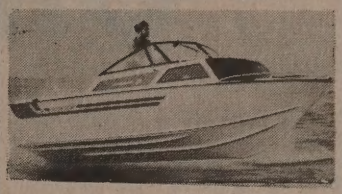

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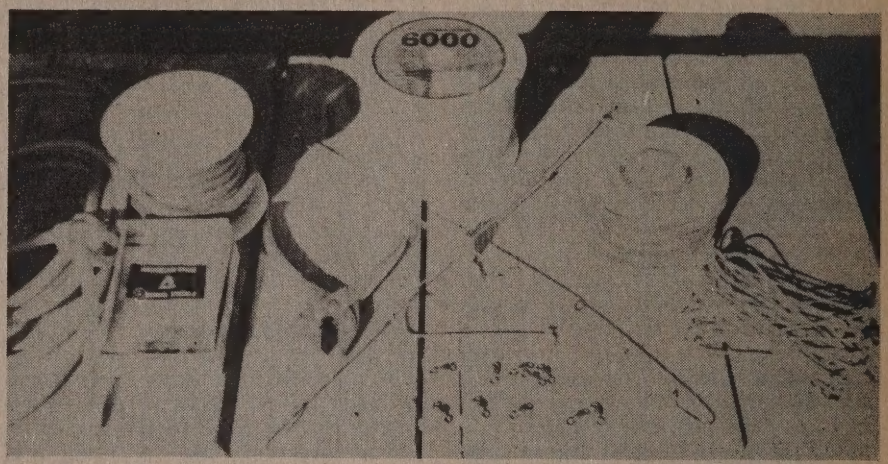
Create Your Own Umbrella Rig

by Bruce Surowiec

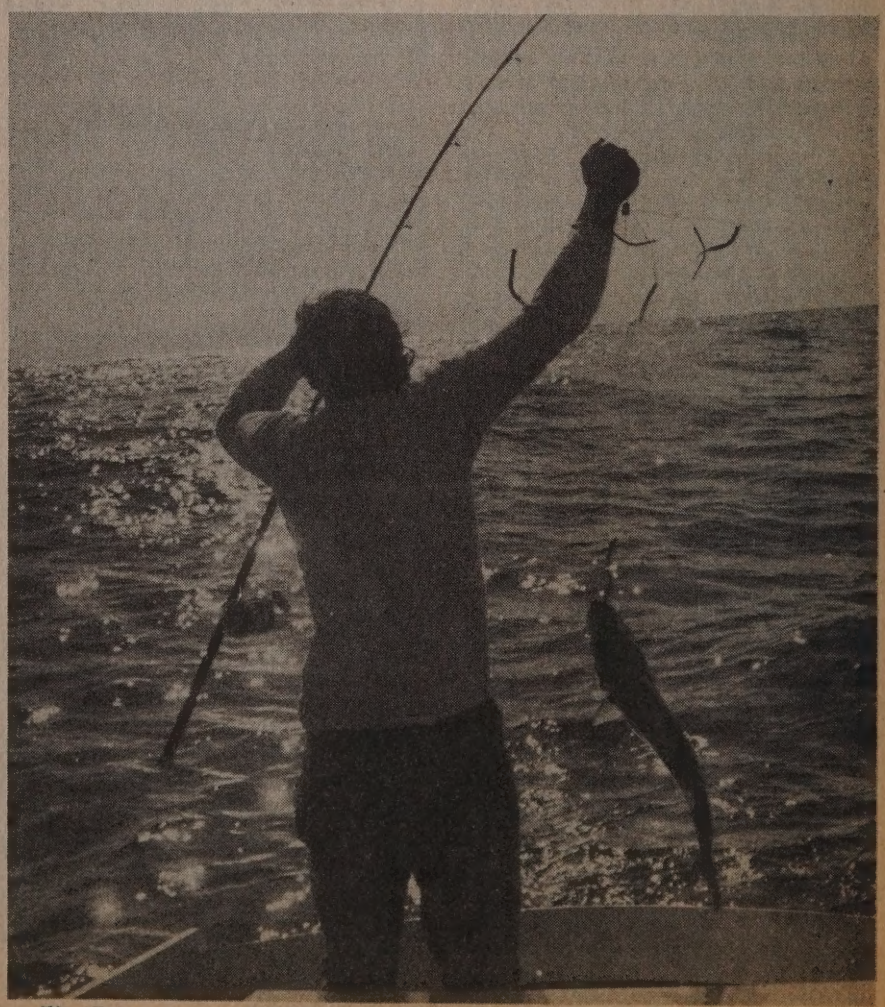
To the boat fisherman, one of the greatest fish producers used is the uncanny umbrella rig. Each and every year, reports of great catches made using these rigs are common. The umbrella rig simulates a school of bait fish and when used properly, can bring striped bass, bluefish, bonito, skipjacks, codfish and even fluke to the dinner table. It is for this reason that these rigs are so popular with boatmen. Many fishermen find fault with these rigs, however. The question that is always raised when these rigs are employed is now redundant. "Is this sport fishing?" I agree with those who say no, it is not. But is it? When fish are found to be abundant, using these rigs results in an all out massacre. This is not sport fishing by any stretch of the imagination, especially when the goal of a day on the water is "over-kill." By utilizing the umbrella rig with the insight that it can produce fish when other techniques fail, the angler **can** keep the sport in sport fishing.

Much more excitement is experienced when the rig used has been assembled from scratch by yourself. A feeling of accomplishment is derived when the drag of your reel "sings" out as a fish hits the rig that you crafted. The rigs that are sold in the tackle stores will produce as many fish as the ones you can create. The price difference is not great either, but the difference is in the satisfaction of catching fish on your own rigs. In addition, the rigs that you are making can employ the different color combinations that have been proven effective in the waters you plan to fish.

The materials needed for this simple project are few in number. They can be purchased at moderate prices, but being that you are going to devote your own time, don't skimp on quality. Blank umbrella rigs featuring nine loops, each for a hook or teaser are sold in most tackle stores. Using Mustad hook #92618 will add to the life span of your rig. These hooks take an awful beating from fish and the threat of rust before they have to be replaced, but using them results in one minor setback. In order to open the eye of the hook, to attach a barrel swivel, heat must be used, or the hook will break at the eye. Other hooks which are similar can be used. Some feature an open eye which eliminates the task of using heat, but as mentioned, the Mustad 92618 size 9/0



All of the ingredients required to ensure an evening of creative enjoyment.



Bluefish are especially susceptible to an umbrella rig's gaudy array of tubes.

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has proven its dependability over the years. A quantity of black barrel swivels, #5, will be needed for each hook that will be used. Surgical tubing in various colors having a diameter of 7/16" along with a sharp pair of scissors is also needed. When using the Mustad hook, a heat source and a shot glass of vegetable oil must be used as well. For those of us looking to avoid heating the hook, substitute it for Mustad hook #31022. Assemble all of the material in a clean work space and begin by opening the eye of the hook. If using heat to accomplish this, hold the hook with a pair of pliers to avoid getting burned. Insert the black barrel swivel upon the hook's eye and then close the eye of the hook using the pliers.

Again, if heat was employed, cool the eye of the hook and the swivel in the shot glass of vegetable oil. Make up at least a dozen hooks for each rig. Only nine hooks can be used for each rig, but having a few additional ones for replacement is a good idea. Now, cut a length of tubing about 2" longer than the hook itself. The cut should be on a 45° angle. When the hook is cool, take it and insert the eye, barrel swivel and all, into the opening of the tubing that has been cut at the 45° angle, and push it up to the top of the tubing. If the hook you are using has a bend in it at its midpoint, you are almost done. If not, and that is the case with the Mustad 92618, bend the shank at its midpoint. This will give the tube movement when it's trolled in the water. Upon completing this, tie a leader of 2' to 3' in length, using 40 to 60 lb. test mono to four of the hooks at the black barrel swivel. At the opposite end of the leader, tie another black barrel swivel to its end. Take the tubes that have no leader and open the end snap of each arm of the umbrella rig. Slide one of the hooks through each arm at the barrel swivel, and work it up to the inner loop where it will be locked in. As soon as all four hooks are in place, insert the mono leader and hook into the outer arm of the rig. Close the end arm on each side, and you are ready for fishing. Many of the guys fish a tenth hook on this rig by adding a leader longer than the other four, to the center loop. A Cape Cod spinner used in this manner on the center loop did produce many good sized weakfish last season. All of this is up to the builder. That is one of the great things about making your own rigs. The variations that you can produce are astounding. Each rig can have different colored tubes, but limit the length of the leaders to around three feet. This will reduce the possibilities of tangling the rig when fished. To avoid having more than four fish on at a time, and this does occur, substitute "teasers" for the hooks on the inner loops of the rig. A teaser is a tube having no hook inside of it. Have at least two of each rig aboard in the event of loss. On a given day one type of rig will produce, while the other will go fishless. Another good idea is to have plenty of rigged tubes (having leaders tied) available to eliminate untangling problems which unfortunately do occur. They also make it easier when removing a fish. Simply unsnap the arm, remove the entire leader, fish and all, and replace it with another. This will get the rig into the water faster.

These rigs do the job, and often enough, they do a great job when fished accordingly. The new season is almost upon us so don't wait for the last minute. The rig you can be working on now might get you that lunker bass a few months from now.

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TAKING A RANGE

by Gerald Hahn

The development of electronic equipment in recent years has made locating fish in a boat a much simpler task than ever before. Depth finders, range finders, chart recorders, sonar, Loran, and the like, are so sophisticated today that fishermen can pinpoint a productive spot over and over again with great accuracy. By example, the captain of a party boat showed me several years ago how he could put his 100' ship "over a dime" (actually within 40'), in the middle of nowhere, simply by honing in on the coordinates he had logged on a previous trip. Impressive as that feat seemed, it was only the beginning; for the captain then referred to the printout on his chart recorder and told me who among 60 anglers would catch the first fish and at what depth. Within a minute, it all happened—just as he predicted. "That's right, keep 'em coming, boys!" he shouted from the cabin. The anglers were pleased, as if their remarkable angling skills were responsible for the great fishing. Seeing the size of our catch that day, I was thoroughly convinced that electronics take much of the guesswork out of fishing. Perhaps, a little of the fun, too.

However you consider these instruments, the fact is many fishermen cannot afford them. Skiff renters and many small craft owners are prime examples. Left to their own resources, they are forced to locate and memorize productive fishing spots the old-fashioned way: with their eyes. Though their methods are primitive and far from accurate, the systems they use are better than guessing or relying on luck. The unobservant angler should learn these systems.

The simplest way to denote a productive fishing spot is by dropping a marker buoy over the side. A marker buoy consists of a floating object, such as a bleach bottle, or a block of styrofoam painted white or fluorescent yellow or red, attached to a long rope at the other end of which is a heavy weight. When the angler detects a good spot (particularly when drifting) he drops his marker and later returns to the same spot on subsequent drifts. A marker is also useful for the fisherman at anchor who wants to try the same spot later in the day. However, he should not leave his marker in the water for several weeks and expect to find it. Inexpensive and highly visible, a marker buoy is an effective way to pinpoint good fishing spots.

But even remembering where you left your marker requires some observation. Did you leave it between buoys 42 and 43 or between 44 and 45, or was it perhaps near that boulder off the beach? Is it floating in the middle of the bay or closer to shore, near that funny looking house? Without realizing it, the fisherman who has to remember where he dropped his marker becomes cognizant of his surroundings. In other words, he take a range.

Long before electronics were invented, ancient voyagers took ranges by observing the moon and the constellations, the sun and the currents, and navigated with impressive accuracy. Long before Columbus, the Vikings were able to find their way from Norway to the Grand Banks, off Newfoundland, by keen observation, and the cod they caught, preserved and ate, enabled them to overrun countries in the Mediterranean. South Sea Islanders have traveled thousands of oceanic miles in the daytime, by feeling the currents. Today, small boat anglers take ranges as well, by noting some prominent landmarks in the vicinity of a good fishing spot.

The best way to fix a range is by **triangulation**; that is, by focusing on three objects and estimating their relative positions to each other and to the angler. For example, suppose you have located a good fishing spot near a tower and a large rock (Ill. 1). As you face north, the tower is to the left at nine o'clock and the rock is to your right at three o'clock. If you have a third reference point, such as a buoy at eleven o'clock, you gain greater accuracy in pinning down where you are. You may still be off your spot by a fair margin, but trial-and-error should bring you closer. To accomplish this, you may allow the sense of touch to assist your sight, for example, by dragging a sinker over the bottom and feeling its structure. If you are looking for blackfish in a rocky terrain, then a smooth sand bottom means you're off course. You can then move a few feet and check your coordinates again.

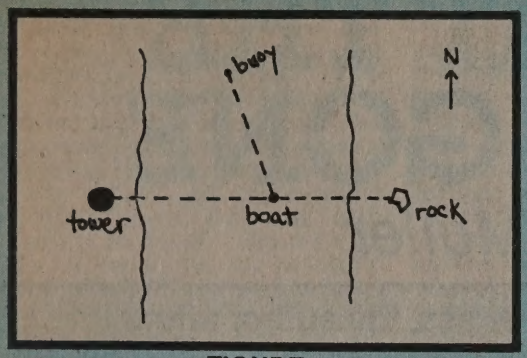
More often, the fisherman only has two reference points for taking a range, and their location may not be as convenient as in our first example. Illustration #2 shows a house to the right at two o'clock and a radio tower to the left at eleven o'clock. Since these angles are more difficult to estimate precisely, the angler will no doubt be off course by a greater margin than before. Sharper observation is now required to pinpoint the spot. The fisherman may notice, for instance, that the house in Illustration #2 is in perspective; that is, he sees the front (facing the water) and the right side of the house from his position. The right side appears larger than the front. Knowing this, he can move his boat accordingly, for the more he heads north the more he will see the front of the house; the more he heads south the greater will be the side of the house. It makes no difference whether the house is square or longer on one side. The more parallel you are to one side, the larger it appears.

Objects in overlap make useful references, as well. Illustration #3 shows a house in front of a telephone pole. The house has a chimney. If, from the fishing spot, the angler sees the telephone pole directly in line with the chimney, he can use this alignment as a reference for the future, the process being similar to aligning the separate images in a sextant, or focusing a camera lens. As before, the overlapping objects change the moment the angler moves. In Illustration #3a, the telephone pole is to the left of the chimney; in 3b, it's to the right.

Separated objects are also useful for taking a range. For example, the two houses in Illustration #4 are seen slightly apart, and the space between them is a narrow band. Should the angler head north, as in 4a, the space will seem to expand (for the same reason that one side of the house in Illus. #2 expands); should he head south (4b), the space disappears, since the near house now superimposes the far house.

From these examples, we can see that even a single object may provide useful information, although generally, fewer objects reduce accuracy. Observing a pertinent detail, nonetheless, assists in pinning down a fishing spot. Suppose the house in Illustration #3 did not have a telephone pole behind it. Would it be altogether useless? Indeed not—at least not for the perceptive angler who notices that the near corner of the house is slightly to the right of the chimney. And just as in the case of the telephone pole, the chimney's position will seem to move as the angler moves forward or back. Illustration 3a shows the chimney decidedly to the left of the house corner, whereas 3b shows the two aligned.

Perhaps fishermen at anchor may feel that range-finding is unimportant (I disagree), but everybody will agree it is essential for drifting. Taking a range while drifting, however, is more complex, because the angler must consider many variables—including changes in current and wind



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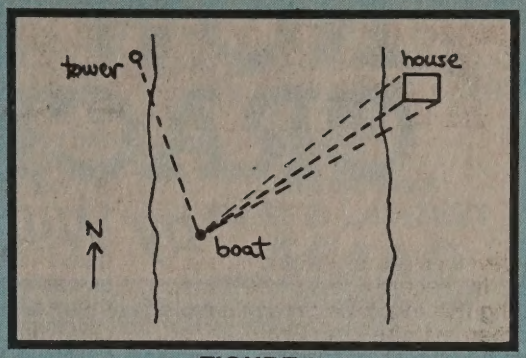

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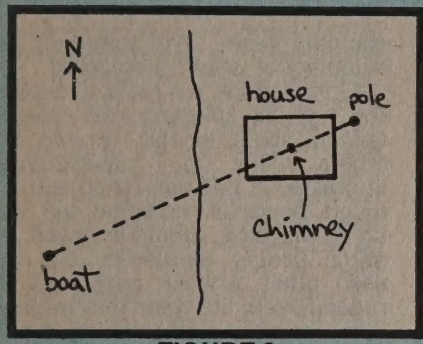

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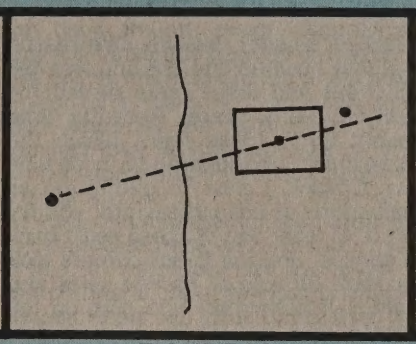

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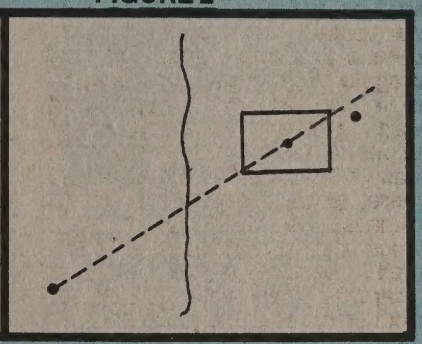

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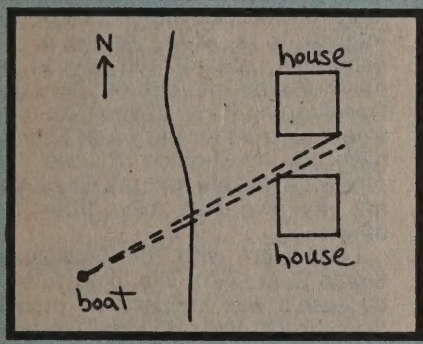

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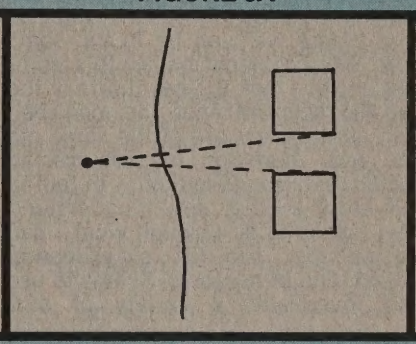

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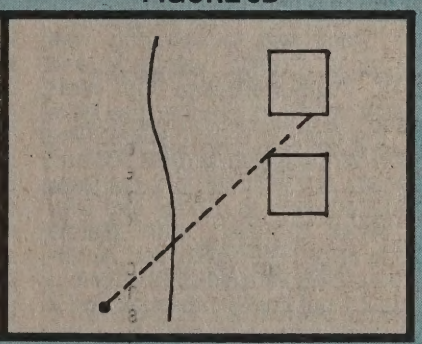

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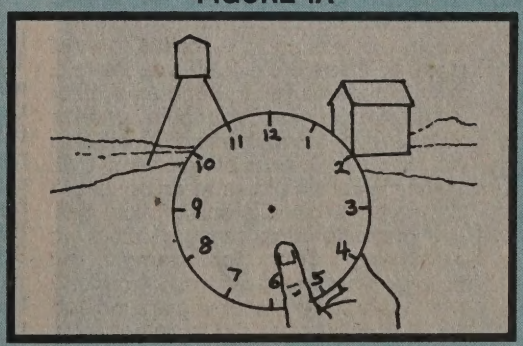

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direction. He should note at least two sets of landmarks when drifting: one at the beginning of the drift and the other as soon as he catches a fish. Moreover, if he plans to fish in the same area on another day or tide, he should also note some landmarks at the end of the drift. This way, he will know approximately where to start.

A simple device for taking more precise ranges can be fashioned out of cardboard, as seen in Illus. #5. Cut the cardboard into a 12" circle and note on the circumference the hours of the day, as on a clock. When taking a range, hold the disc more or less at arm's length, and close one eye to overcome blurring. (Remember which eye you closed.) Illustration #5 shows how two landmarks may appear at eleven o'clock and two o'clock on the disc. The near corner of the house is aligned at two, and the right support of the tower is aligned at eleven. Enter these coordinates in a log, for future trips.

No doubt taking ranges by sight is primitive compared to the accuracy of electronic instruments. Nevertheless, range-finding is an effective (and much cheaper) way to pin down a desirable fishing spot. And when you catch fish at the spot you memorized, the feeling of accomplishment is greater.

Mark Twain once wrote in **Life on the Mississippi:** "Steamboat pilots in the 19th Century navigated the entire length of the Mississippi River—both ways—solely by observation. The pilots who commanded the greatest respect took countless ranges: memorizing thousands of landmarks, every channel and bar, taking into account the varying depth of the river in different seasons, regularly updating their logs."

Now that's range-finding!

NOW THAT THE CRACK IS GONE

by William A. Muller

Well respected for his surf fishing prowess, the author offers some suggestions for those in the market for a heavyweight surf reel.

The last decade or so has been a trying time for many segments of the economy. I guess we think about the changes in the automobile industry first, but what about toys, appliances, electronics, and a host of other consumer products. It seems that other countries can make many of these products cheaper and better. It's ironic then that a product made by a foreign company should fall by the wayside and leave the door open to our domestic fishing tackle industry. It remains to be seen whether or not they will pick up the challenge.

The Crack was a spinning reel made by a French company and actually, there were two fine reels that were made in France that have bitten the dust in recent years. The second was the Mitchell reels 386 and 496. Many top surfmen did not view the Mitchell reels as quality and they were often confused with Garcia products after the French and American companies merged their efforts. I must point out that I never owned a Crack for several reasons. One reason was that I owned one 386 and two 496 Mitchells and these reels served me well for many years. Recently time caught up to these reels. Much the same thing is happening to those who own Cracks. I plan to gather up as many parts as I can this winter and try to put at least one of these reels back in service, and the Crack owners look for reels on sale at garage sales and from surf fishermen who give up the ghost.

However, even if some of us can patch a reel back together, it won't be long before we'll all be in the same boat. My problems began this summer and so I took the best parts of the two 496 reels and made one good reel. Yet, all the parts are of the same old age and, therefore, my resurrected combo reel soon failed too. I'm telling this story so that you'll understand how I came to go through what I call my summer and fall experimental period. Out of necessity I came to use and investigate a variety of surf spinning reels. The following is a summary of what I discovered.

Conventional casting reels are a sensible substitute to the Crack for some surfmen.

First, I think we have to separate the type of spinning reel that I'm talking about in this column from others. What do I mean? We're interested in this discussion with big, tough, powerful reels that can stand up to big bass, slammer blues, and rough fishing conditions. We have used other smaller reels and less rugged reels this year that might be ideal for quiet water fishing but will not be mentioned here. Obviously, tough power reels may not be of great interest to a wide variety of surf fishermen, but for the groups that may need this information, here goes. One warning if any of you plan to buy a new surf reel for big water fishing: I have not investigated or used every product available and my conclusions are my own and may differ from others.

Let's start with the Shakespeare Sigma Supra 070. We liked this reel because it was compact and resistant to corrosion. We also liked the feel of the reel. Retrieving lures was fluid and fighting a fish was effortless from the standpoint of cranking the handle. The reel also cast very well. Casts were long and easy and there was no tendency for the bail to flip over on the cast. Interior construction was superior and simple. The reel also comes in a bigger size 080. We did have one problem with the reel and that was the drag. The drag on the Supra is on the bottom of the housing (similar to the Cardinal reels). We found the Supra had the same problem we experienced with the Cardinals we owned. That is, it works fine for smaller fish, but the big ones that can strip line rapidly can be difficult to land when the drag setting is tight because the drag has an inertia that must be overcome before the spool will move. For this reason there is a tendency to set the drag a little on the loose side. However, once a big fish gets the spool moving and the inertia is overcome, the line will seem to fly off without adequate control. We took the drag apart. What I did then was to oil the washers heavily (something that isn't usually advised in most reels), and when the mechanism was put back together the drag was very smooth. However, as well as this works in calm surf, there

will be problems when the reel is underwater quite a bit. We also weren't delighted with the internal trip mechanisms for the bail. However, this problem can be corrected by converting to a manual pick-up. The Shakespeare Sigma (not Supra) has a conventional top-spool drag mechanism and a field test by a friend produced a report that was very satisfactory. However, I am not in a position to report on the product's long range durability and response to submersion in the briny.

Penn is another U.S. firm that has made fine fishing tackle for many years. We own a 704 (green) and once we got over the drag problems similar to those experienced with the Sigma Supra by installing Teflon washers, we have found the drag to be smooth. There are two other problems with this reel. One, the bail tends to close on the cast. We solved this problem by installing a felt washer between the handle and the housing. Felt doesn't hold up so the washer must be replaced often. You'll have to make your own washers, too. You can buy a piece of felt at a fabric store and cut the washers out with a small scissors. We also do not like the angle of the handle to the reel housing. It makes cranking awkward at times. However, the reel is rugged and can take both big fish and repeated submersion.

We also investigated the Penn 750SS (skirted spool). We tried to get one for testing, but were unsuccessful. However, we know about a half dozen fishermen who fish the beach hard who have used this reel in 1981. Only one fisherman had a problem with the reel and complained the drag was sticky. However, it appears likely that the spool on this reel was warped, resulting in a drag problem. The other fishermen said things like: "It casts like a bullet. I mean, maybe it's my imagination, but I cast further with this reel." "The drag is like butter," another angler said. When asked about submersion and comfort, one fisherman said, "I used it on that bar this summer in a wet suit and there was no problem at all." The reel is a little small for the heavy fishing and this may be a drawback. Although I haven't used it, I don't believe it is the ideal model for big water and big fish. However, there are possibilities here worth looking into.

The Penn 706Z was another reel we tried towards the end of the fall. I took it apart for examination before doing anything else. I like the construction. It is rugged and well made. Interior parts are brass. I liked the housing, too, which is strong and the outside finish is durable. The reel is large, has good power, and high line capacity. We had several problems. One, even though the reel has a large manual roller instead of bail, the roller seemed to pick up the line frequently. In this case it was not only a question of the handle spinning and felt washers did only a little to improve the problem. Second, we had a drag problem which I solved by inserting a thin Teflon washer between each of the fabric washers and the metal washers. The drag was then smooth as silk. I also did not like the angle of the handle: I found it to be exactly the same as the problem I had with the Penn 704. This will take some getting used to. I urge Penn to redesign the handle.

There is perhaps another way to go entirely and of late, we have heard more and more talk about the use of conventional tackle. There are fine big casting conventionals around. They are rugged, cast rather easily compared to their ancestral types, and have smooth drags. The Penn Squidder is an old standby that still is one of the finest products of its kind around. We recently tried a Bantam #500 made by Shimano. This is a compact reel (about the size of the Ambassadeur 7000) but we found it did the job.

One of the fundamental questions this discussion may raise in your mind is why isn't a better reel available? I believe the answer to that is rather simple. Reels are usually designed by engineers and if these engineers have any fishing experience it is usually in freshwater and/or light tackle saltwater. They simply don't understand the problems of fishing for big fish in big surf. Field testers usually fall into the same category. We have made an overture and offer to Shakespeare. I have told them I will help them to develop a big water reel to replace the Crack. I told them that I'd do it for free just to have such a product available again. Although the door to that offer isn't closed, we haven't been contacted by Shakespeare either. We'll make the same offer to any company who's interested. Certainly engineers must design reels, but if they try to design a big surf reel without consultation by hard surf fishermen, they will end up with the same problems again and again.

In summary: All of the reels mentioned are serviceable, but all have some problems. We believe that the Penn 706Z is probably the best available substitute for the Crack and Mitchell models that are now departed. One can easily solve the drag problen of the 706Z with Teflon sliver washers. One can also get around the roller catch problem by being very careful on the cast to rotate the roller to the left side of the reel although errors are inevitable and big lures go for five bucks apiece. We can't do anything about the handle problem, but maybe a person can get used to it. We urge Penn to do the following. Solve the roller problem by 1) move the roller another few centimeters away from the interior of the spool and 2) replace the shallow groove roller with a deep groove roller similar to the one that used to be available from Garcia. We also urge that the company redesign that handle. It is annoying. However, it is our opinion that this reel is the best available at this time.

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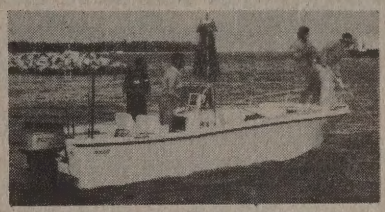

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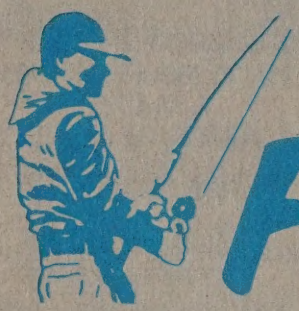

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MAKING SIMPLE DIAMONDS & CHEVRONS

Part Eight — *by C. Boyd Pfeiffer*

Once you have made all the marks to lay out the diamond (as per last week's article), you are ready to begin wrapping. For simplicity, we'll use Gudebrod Butt Wind for this first wrap, and in a subsequent article, progress to single wrap diamonds and chevrons. First, tape the Gudebrod Butt Wind in place at or on the handle with 1/4'' masking tape. Where and how you tape it down is not important since you will finish off the Butt Wind with a thread wrap. Next, turn the rod slowly to spiral the Butt Wind around the rod and precisely over the marks that you have made on both sides of the rod. At the upper end of the base wrap, reverse the spiral so that you are now working down the blank with the Butt Wind to return to the handle.

Once at the handle, tape the end of the Butt Wind in place and cut off any excess. Now, push any out-of-line crossed wraps in place using a pointed tool (like the Tackle Crafters Burnish Master) to position the ''Xs'' in a straight line. Make sure that they are properly aligned and spaced on both sides of the rod.

If you wish, you can use more Butt Wind or different color Butt Wind to repeat this pattern above and below this basic wrap. Since this wrap is thick (3/32'') usually three wraps are as many as you would want. If you use more than one wrap of Butt Wind, use a burnisher to push the wraps together when completed.

Once the wraps are complete, the next step is to finish off the wraps at the handle. To do this, take thread of the same or a complementary color and wrap it down about 3/4'' above the handle using standard guide wrapping techniques. Make five to six wraps around the blank, just as you would to wrap a guide in place. At this point maintain tension on the thread wrap, and cut off any excess Butt Wind, flush with the handle or slightly shorter. Take care not to cut the thread wrap, since this thread wrap is the only thing holding the Butt Wind in place at this point.

With the Butt Wind cut, continue the thread wrap over the end of the Butt Wind and lay down a loop of thread about five or six turns from the

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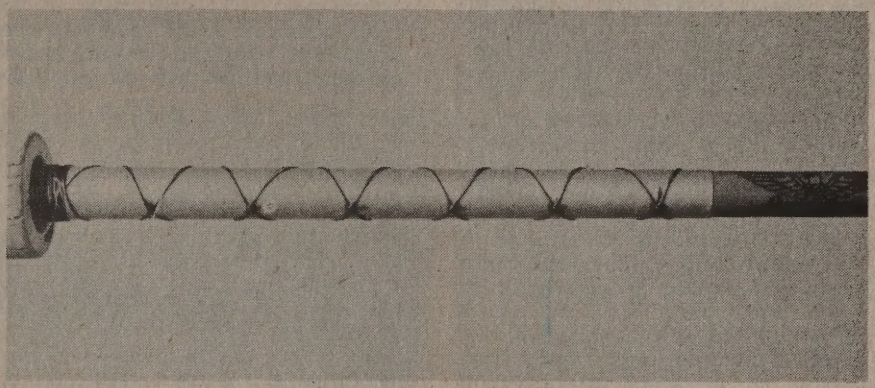
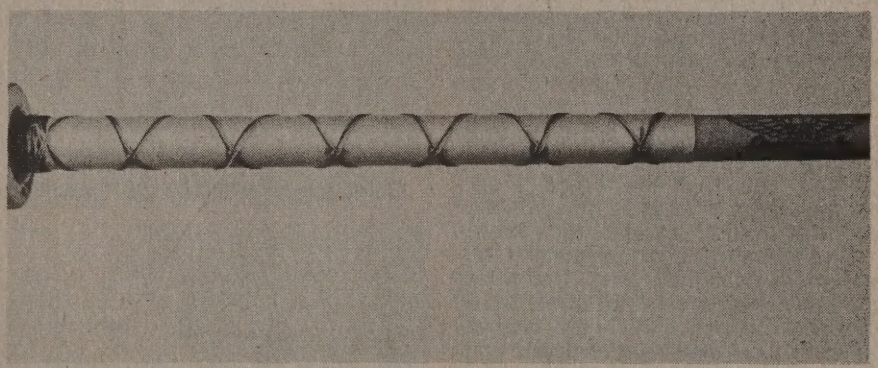
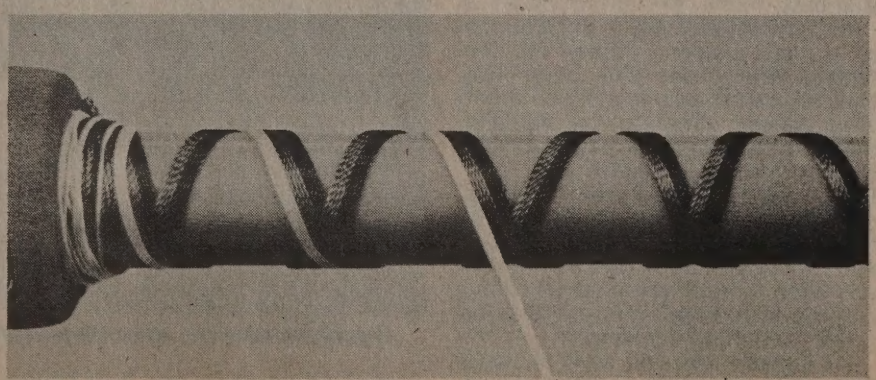


Beginning a single thread diamond over a base wrap of white thread. A black thread was used for the initial wrap, with light colored thread surrounding it.



Same as above, with more threads on the wrap and beginning to box in the diamond.



Making a chevron wrap with several threads at a time, rather than single thread wraps. Up to four or five threads can be handled at a time this way, but the difficulty increases with the number of threads to handle. Wrapping at the base of the handle will be cut off later and the end of the chevron wrapped over with a single thread wrapping such as that used on a guide.

At the top of the wrap spiral down, wrap around the blank or handle and then continue up on the opposite side of the central thread so that the central thread is bracketed by the two threads. This is the secret and basis of the diamond wrap. Every thread that goes up and down the wrap on one side, must have a matching thread of the same color on the other side.

The rest is just a continuation of the above technique, using individual threads to wrap up and down both sides of the diamond until you obtain the width of that color band. The diamonds are developed by making bands of different colors to emphasize the contrast of the wraps. Often a good first diamond can be made by developing a center diamond of about seven threads (one central thread and three on each side of it) finished with two other colors of three to four threads on each side of the original diamond.

Light colors can be best set off by finishing with a single strand outer band of a dark thread such as black, chestnut, dark blue, or dark green, depending upon the colors used in the diamond. Similarly, single strands of a dark color can be used to outline and delineate the edges of each band of color.

After you have several bands, or several repeated bands of color, the diamond is complete. This is an arbitrary decision, since how large or complex you wish the diamond is strictly up to you. There are no rights or wrongs, other than the basics of making the wrap and what is pleasing to you and will finish off your rod in a custom, professional touch.

Once the diamond is complete, make the finish wraps at the handle end, and also at the upper end if desired. Lay down the thread wrap, cut the excess threads on the diamond and finish as you would a guide wrap.

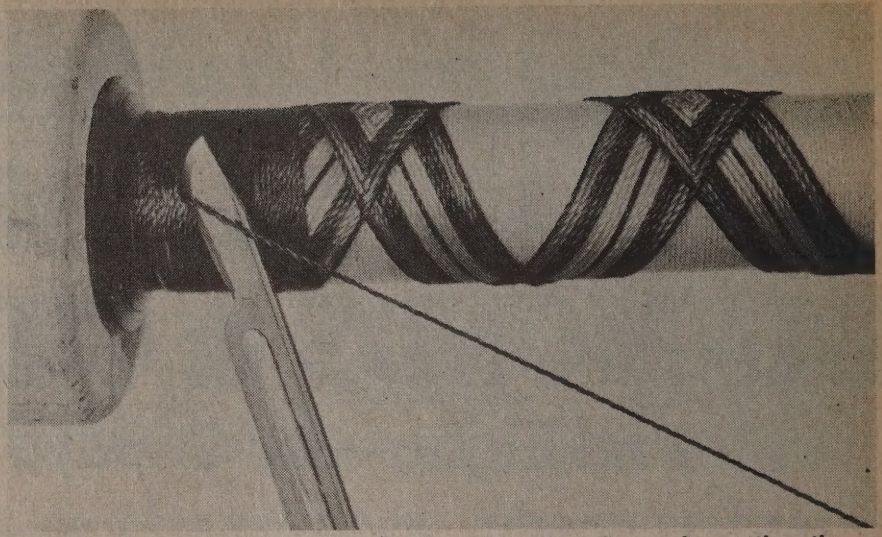
Chevron wraps are done exactly the same as a diamond, except that after the first central thread, all threads are laid only on one end of the central thread. It can be either end, but the first thread ends up not being the center of the finished wrap, but one side of it.

In fact, one easy way to think of it is as a half diamond, since all the threads are to one side only. The chevron creates a completely different wrap pattern. Whereas the diamond makes little diamond patterns, the chevron makes repeated "V" patterns, much like a Sergeant's stripes or chevron. Because of the nature of the chevron, it is usually best to work with only two to three colors of thread and often to outline the edges of the chevron with a dark contrasting color thread to outline the wrap.

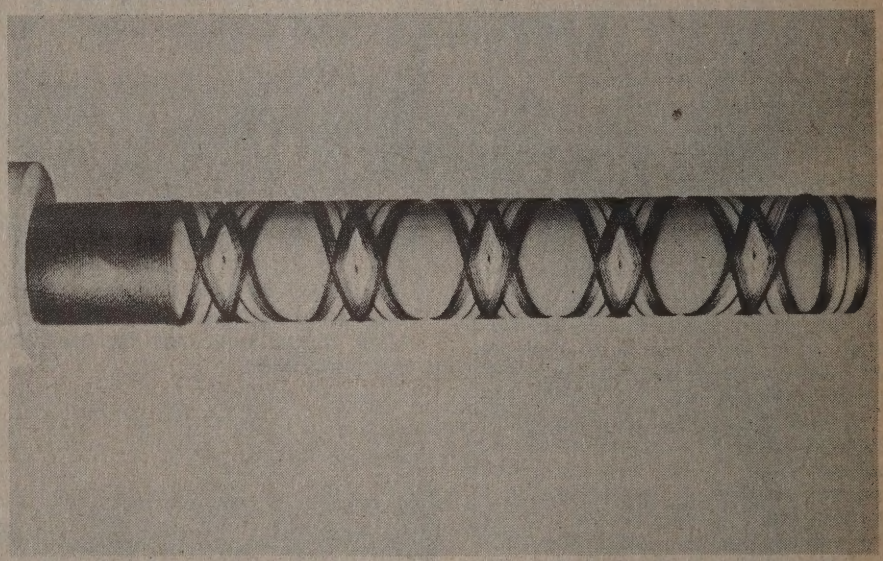
As a result, you will want to use a dark edging thread for the first thread that you wrap, since this will be one side of the completed chevron. Another alternative, if working with alternating dark and light bands for the wrap, is to use several threads at first to make a wide dark band, alternating with light and dark bands over the rest of the wrap and finishing with a dark band equal to the first band laid down.

Realize that with either a single diamond or single chevron wraps, simplicity and blending colors are the key to a simple, effective and striking decorative wrap that will make your rod work stand out and will match your rod guide wraps for effectiveness and beauty.

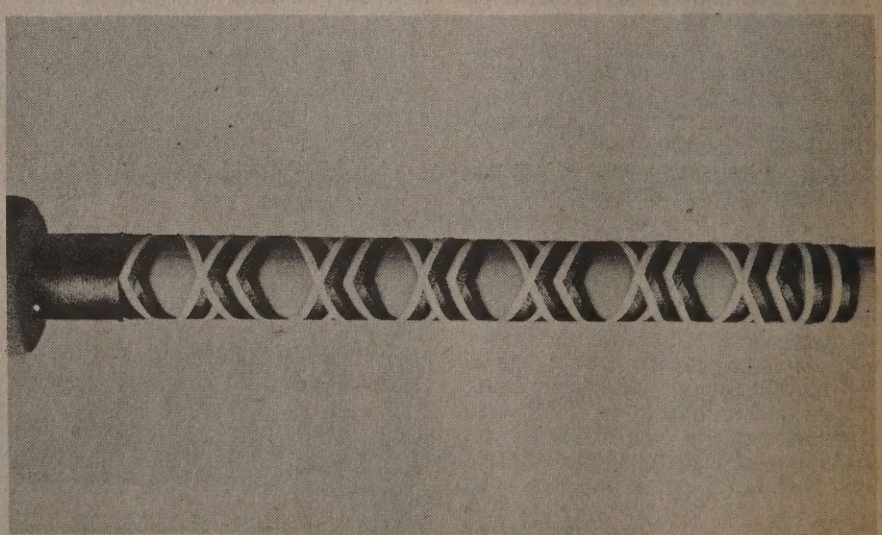
Next Week: Making double diamonds and chevrons and other wraps.



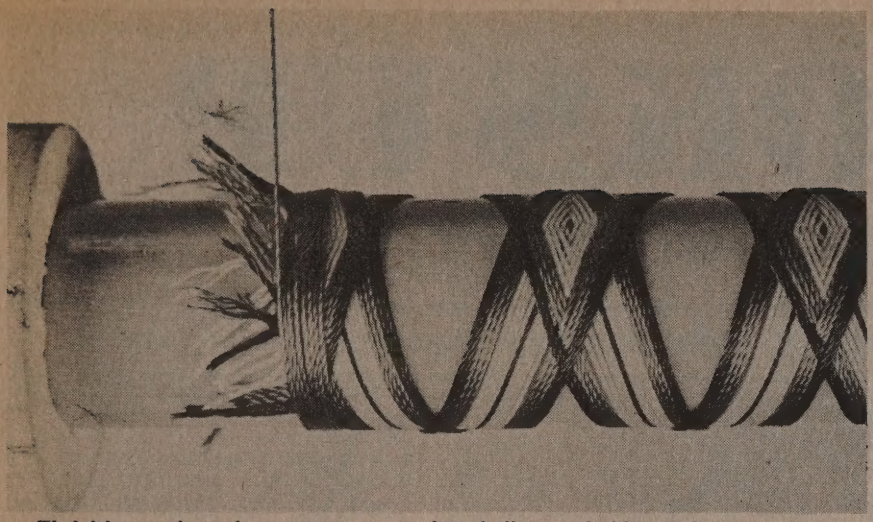
Completed wrap on diamond is finished off as shown, by cutting the excess thread that extends out of the loop.



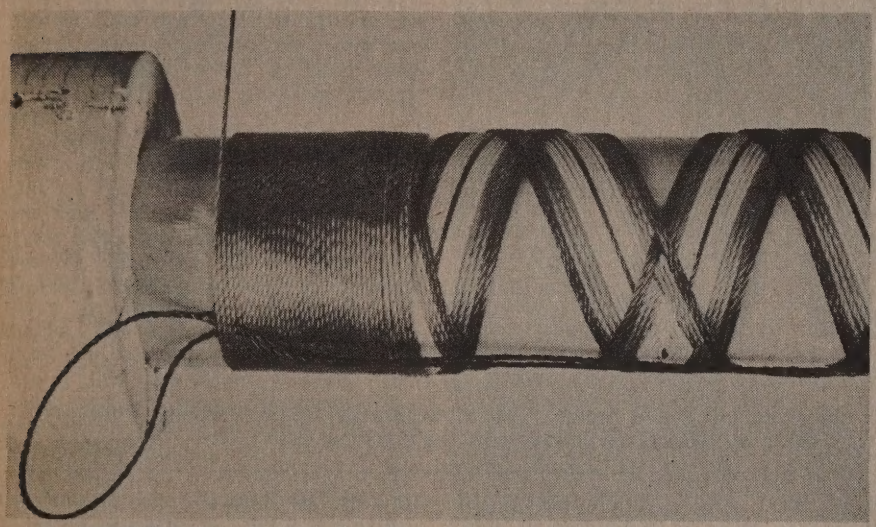
Completed diamond wrap showing a simple with a single central thread.



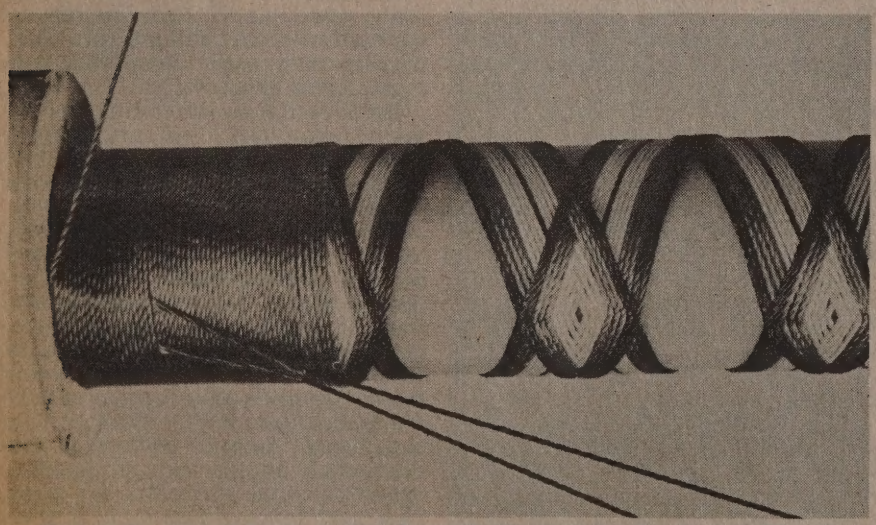
Completed chevron wrap made working with several threads at a time.



Finishing a thread wrap on a completed diamond. Here, the wrap was begun and then the threads of the diamond cut as shown. The tension of the thread wrap is the only thing holding the diamond on at this point.



To finish the thread wrap, lay down a loop of thread just as with a guide wrap. The end of the thread is tucked through the loop to finish it off.



End of the thread being pulled through the wrap by the loop of thread.

winding check. The loop will extend towards the butt of the rod. Continue wrapping to the winding check, cut the end of the thread while maintaining tension and tuck the end of the thread through the loop. Pull the loop through to hide and secure the end of the thread. Use a razor or scalpel blade to cut the excess thread and the wrap is finished.

The basics involved with making a Butt Wind wrap are the same as those involved with making diamond and chevrons. And the diamonds and chevrons are only more time consuming in that they involve repeat steps of making spiral wraps with single thread, rather than with a wide Butt Wind.

Begin the same way as for any decorative wraps, with the base wraps of thread in a neutral or white color, and laying out the spacing and alignment of the points where the initial thread will cross. Once this is done, you can begin to make a true diamond wrap. First choose the colors you will want to use. Usually these will be the same or complementary colors as those used in the guide wraps. Also, the effect of a diamond is best if you choose two to three colors to make wide or repeating bands of color rather than choosing five or six colors that can tend to look too "busy."

Take a spool of thread that you will use for the center of the diamond and tape it in place on the handle or right at the handle/blank juncture. Then begin with the wrap by spiraling the single thread up around the rod, making sure that you cross over the center marks on the base layer of thread. At the upper end of the base wrap, you have a choice of reversing the thread to continue down the blank, or of spiraling the wrap up onto the blank taping in place and finishing off this end just as you will finish off the end at the handle.

There is no "right" or "best" way in making this end of the diamond. By turning the wrap, there is some slight problem in preventing thread slippage, while the other method requires an additional wrap finish at the upper end of the diamond.

In either case, continue down the blank with the thread taking care to cross at the center marks on the base. Tape the thread down and cut off any excess. At this point, carefully examine the wrap for proper spacing, alignment, etc. You can check for spacing by measuring each cross thread on both sides of the blank, and check for alignment by sighting the crossing marks along the guides and reel hoods, or by examining each "X" of thread to see if one side of one "X" is larger than the other. Use a burnisher to push the threads into place if required.

Care and attention to detail at this stage of the wrap is particularly important. If the initial crossing threads are properly aligned, all the rest of the threads will fall into place. If one or more threads are off at this stage, that entire diamond pattern will be off when complete, with no way to adjust or reposition it.

Once this central thread is properly positioned, continue with more thread. Tape down a second thread of the same color or a different color. If you use several bands of the same color, your central diamond will be large. If you change colors at this point, the center will be only a speck. Wrap this thread up alongside the first thread, making sure that there are no gaps between the two threads.

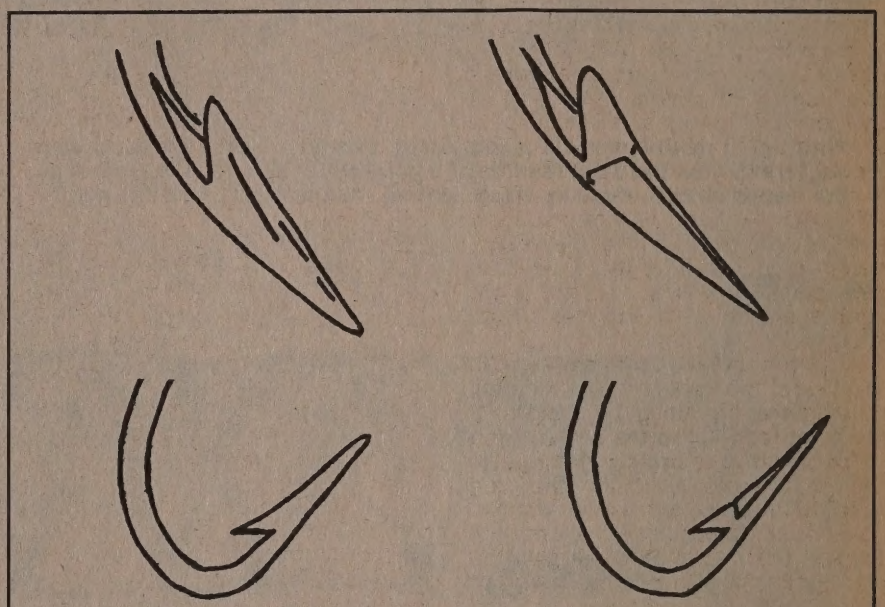
HOOKS UP

by Brion Babbitt

Ease of hook penetration is far more important than most anglers realize.

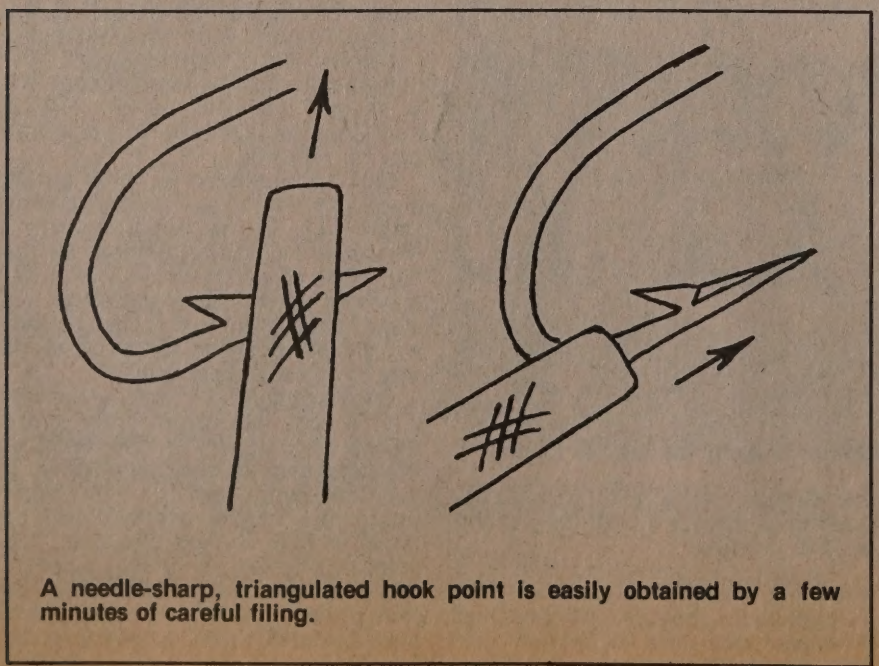
Probably the most neglected piece of equipment in the fisherman's repertoire is the hook. Some anglers pride themselves on using the best reels that money can buy, custom-built rods and premium nylon monofilament line, yet totally ignore the direct link between themselves and the fish: the hook. Just how many fish have been lost or never even hooked securely in the first place because of this oversight is anyone's guess.

Hooks come in a variety of shapes and sizes and selection of the proper hook to match the quarry is intuitive to a large extent. One would not sensibly fish for winter flounder with a 10/0 Martu or striped bass with a #10 Chestertown. Almost as bad, however, is the mistake of using a hook just as it comes from the manufacturer. Most saltwater hooks, as they are purchased, are not sharp enough nor properly shaped to use as is. Mass production of a product low in price per unit simply does not allow the manufacturer time to sharpen these hooks. But he shouldn't have to since it is every angler's responsibility to sharpen up a fresh box of bait hooks or the trebles on a newly acquired plug.



Hook on left shows typical point configuration upon purchase. Point on right is obtained by triangulation and thinning with a file.

As shown in Figure 1, the hook point illustrated on the left represents a hook fresh from the tackle store. Close examination of such a hook will show the point to be noticeably rounded, both at the tip and on top, before the barb. Such a hook is relatively dull and has a configuration less than optimum for penetrating the jaws of tough-lipped species such as bluefish, striped bass or billfish. On the right in Figure 1 is depicted a properly sharpened hook which has been touched up with a bastard file. Here the hook point has been triangulated and thinned. The resulting needle tip and cutting edge on top provide faster, easier penetration in a tough gamester's mouth.



A needle-sharp, triangulated hook point is easily obtained by a few minutes of careful filing.

Ease of hook penetration is far more important than one might imagine for two reasons. First, the force exerted upon a hook when the angler attempts to set it in a fish's mouth is not that great. Using average spinning tackle, only a few pounds pressure is exerted, primarily due to stretch in the monofilament line. Therefore, the sharpness and geometry of the hook point play a crucial role. The situation is even more critical in surf fishing where hundreds of feet of line have been laid out, though the extra stiffness of the surf stick compensates to some extent. The second reason for good hook penetration is that not all strikes are of the smashing variety. If only a half-hearted attack on bait or lure occurs, the fisherman has a better than even chance of hook-up with finely ground hooks.

Hook point re-shaping and sharpening is easily accomplished with a file, as mentioned previously, and a vise for holding the hook. Hook

touch-up on the beach or on the water is facilitated by carrying said file and a pair of vise-grip pliers in the tackle box. Vise-grip pliers securely hold the hook while providing a convenient "handle" during honing. The pliers are especially convenient for holding smaller hooks (and protecting fingers) during sharpening.

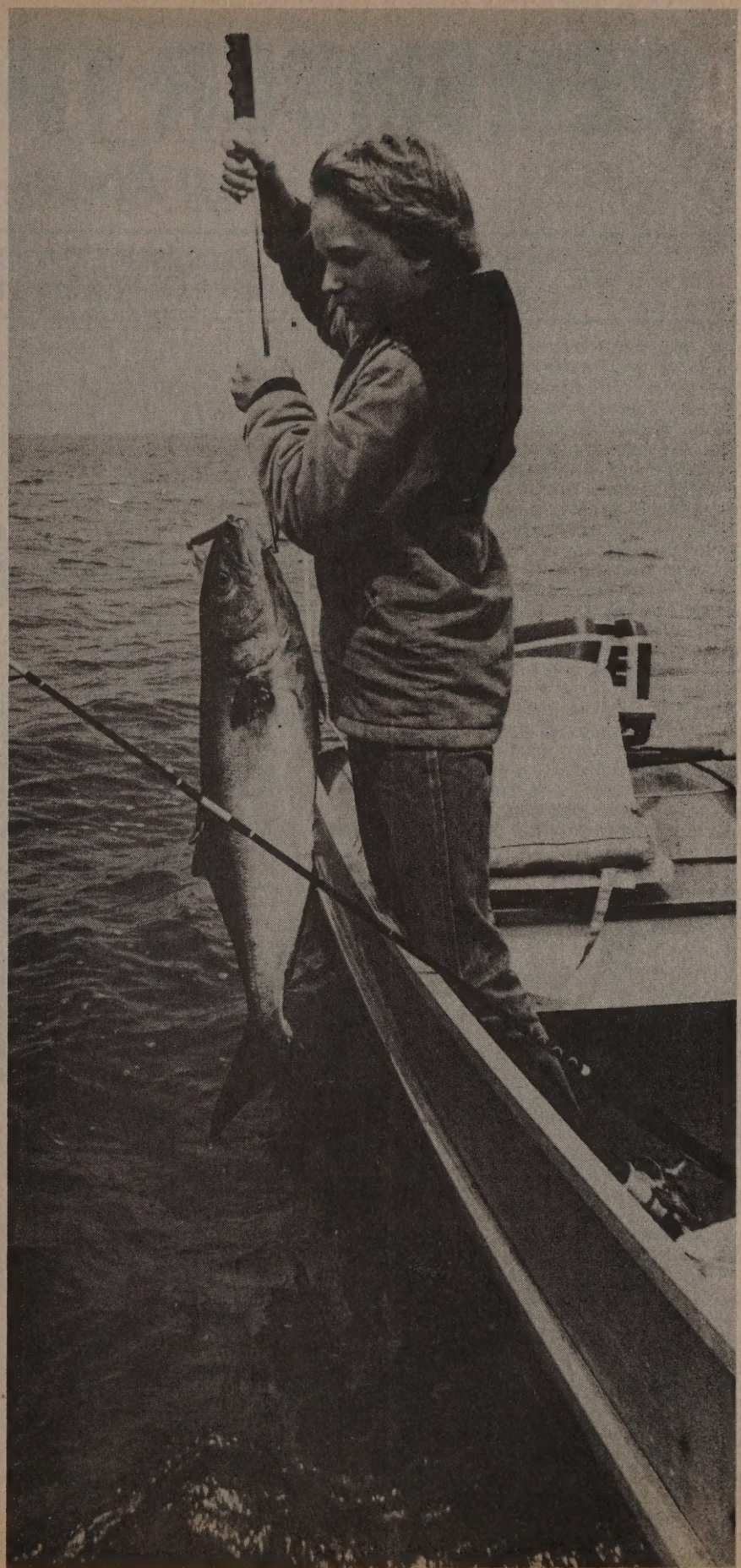
Figure 2 shows the two-step route to sharper hooks and fewer missed fish. First, triangulate the hook by stroking the top of the hook point (in front of the barb) on an angle of about 45° from the plane of the hook. Do this on both sides forming an apex or cutting edge which runs from the base of the barb to the tip. With practice, this can be done in short order with a minimum of strokes on each side of the point. Stainless steel requires a bit more work, but it's worth it. Care should be taken in triangulation that the relatively smooth transition from point tip to barb is not radically altered thus producing a net resistance to complete penetration with the new point geometry. A few light strokes at the barb will set things straight.

After triangulation, the next step is thinning of the hook point. Alternately running the file along both sides of the point (parallel to the shank) soon yields a narrower profile. A swipe or two on the point bottom (the side opposite the barb) will further remove burrs and streamline matters. Of course, the larger and harder the point, the more arduous the task, but this is time well spent and will pay dividends later. Again, care should be exercised in removing metal from the point. Over-zealousness with the file could result in a structurally weak point with resultant breakage or bending at an inopportune moment. A hook is of sufficient sharpness if it digs in when lightly drawn across a thumbnail.

Unfortunately, hook points of the beak style where the point is curved and bends inward toward the hook shank are not susceptible to the described method, but require an alternate means of work-up with a rounded file.

Another factor affecting complete hook point penetration, though somewhat obvious, but nevertheless often overlooked, is that of barb angle. In a dozen newly purchased hooks, one or two often have an abruptly jutting barb, another artifact of manufacture. Such a barb could go easily unnoticed, drastically altering the hook's penetrating qualities under conditions of mild force. The situation is quickly remedied, however, by use of a pair of needle-nose pliers. Gently lowering the barb slightly will not detract from its original purpose, but will enhance the hook's ability to penetrate beyond the barb for a given amount of applied pressure.

With the winter doldrums upon us, there is no better time to sit down, file in hand, and inspect, re-shape and sharpen hooks. After all, that first spring run of fish isn't that far away.



Sharp hooks are especially important to plug casters. This young angler has just put away a fine bluefish on light tackle. Photo by Gary Diamond.

REMEMBER THE KIDS

by Matt Ahern

Long a favorite with the younger set, the author expounds on the rewards derived from "taking a kid fishin."

I've always felt that we who devote our time and efforts to the Great Outdoors are in an enviable position. Oh, sure, there's no doubt we reap the benefits of God's sunshine and fresh air. (I sometimes think even the occasional wet fanny does us more good than harm.) But this isn't what I mean. We are in that enviable position simply because we have a golden opportunity to do a service to our great country.

Have I caused cynical grins of derision to bloom unseen? Have I caused you to say: "Here's that guy with some more of his Irish malarky?" If so, let me ask you this: when was the last time you took a kid fishing? Never? Shame on you! There are vultures out there, Mister. Vultures more than willing to take over young lives—indeed anxious to take over.

Harsh words? Strong words? Think so? Well, then, look about you. The only true asset our great country has is its young people. Anything else becomes minor in comparison. Think about it! Those vultures know and understand this. They want our young people—desperately. Remember: as the twig is bent...

Is this article to become a sermon? A lecture? Hardly. But I hope that by the time it is finished, those who have need to change their attitudes will have seen the error of their ways.

Now, I'm not saying that all of us can be gung-ho in our efforts to take a kid fishing. (Although I know one Peekskill fisherman who is exactly like that.) What I'm saying is that when the opportunity presents itself, do it. Even if doing so means losing out on a little fishing time for yourself; which it quite likely will. But fear not; you will be amply rewarded.

I well remember the first time I "took" a kid fishing—although "took" is hardly the correct word. It was back in the mid-Thirties. At that time I used to have a private fishing pier on Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek. Don't let me mislead you. It wasn't mine in the sense that I owned it. It was mine simply because I had been given permission to use it whenever I wished. So far as I knew, I was the only fisherman given that permission—at least in all the years I fished from it, I'd never found signs of other fishermen.

And wonder of wonders, that pier was in an ideal spot. Flounder and fluke filled my bucket to overflowing.

Though this youngster had to stand on a step, it didn't stop him from fishing.

I can truthfully say that I was never skunked when I fished from that pier. Over the years, I've written several articles about that pier and the reason why I was finally refused permission to fish from it—but we won't go into that now. Some later days, perhaps.

Well, anyway, on this particular day I want to tell you about, I was on that pier, catching fluke with nearly every cast. I had put my usual six or seven fluke in the bucket and continued to release those that came later. I'd been doing this for about an hour when I was distracted by movement from the beach behind me.

I turned around, much surprised to see a black-haired boy about 13 or 14 years watching me from the tall marsh grass. How long he had been standing there, I didn't know. We both said nothing, and I continued to fish. Fifteen-twenty minutes passed in silence. The kid was still there, but he made no effort to walk out on the pier. Finally, I could stand it no longer.

"Want some fish?" I asked, hoping to break the ice.

Silence.

Okay. I figured I'd try another tack. "Want to catch some fish?"

Open Sesame! The kid immediately walked out on the pier and looked into the bucket, whereupon he knelt beside it and began to run his fingers over the fluke. "Mister, I don't know how to fish," he said as he stood up. "And besides," he added, "I'm not allowed to go near the water."

There seemed no point in my asking why he was where he was. There's a Huck Finn in every neighborhood and some questions should never be asked.

"Well—you're here now," I said. "Still want to catch fish? I'll show you how, if you want."

And that's all it took.

During those days before the war,

all fishermen used (or had) conventional reels. Mine at the time was a Penn 155, which I still use today. Casting with conventional reels was difficult, what with monstrous backlashes being the reward for failure to thumb the spool properly. It took some doing to become an expert caster when using any conventional reel. Sad to say, some hopefuls never truly mastered it.

Therefore, because of this, I did the casting and the kid did the fishing. As I mentioned before, the fish were always plentiful around that pier and the boy had no trouble hooking and landing fluke after fluke. That was one happy youngster, let me tell you. The urge to repossess the rod for a spell and let him watch me catch fish for a change was indeed strong, but I figured what the heck: there's always tomorrow. And I'm glad I did it that way, for that boy eventually turned out to be one mighty fine fisherman.

In the beginning of our fishing ventures, I found it difficult to refrain from filling the kid's head with all those many reasons why we do certain things in certain ways. It was enough that first day to show him the basics and gradually expand his knowledge as time went by.

He became an enthusiastic pupil. And because he was such an enthusiastic pupil, things threatened to get out of hand.

To make things easier for me to continue, I'll have to tell you that the boy's name was Sam Curcio and he lived in Island Park. His father was a hard-working bricklayer, or plasterer, something along that line. Because Sam was an only child, I could understand the reason for his parents' reluctance to allow their son the fishing freedom he so much desired. And far be it from me to interfere with such reasoning.

But there came a time when I had to inform those kind people of what was going on. Sam brought it on himself.

The boy fished with me every Thursday during that first summer of our acquaintance. I don't think there was a Thursday he failed to show up on that pier—rain or shine. He either arrived before I did, or he came along short minutes later.

But there was one hitch to our pier fishing. I could not enjoy the use of that pier during July and August. It was then when the owner and his family took it over for boating and swimming. But that was alright. Sam and I then spent our time fishing from the creek bank. This activity was never as exciting as that from the pier; but in a way that was all to the good, for because of this, Sam quickly learned that there was more to fishing than putting bait on a hook and hauling out the fish. He discovered some finesse was also needed at times, and this gave me an opportunity to teach him the whys and wherefores of the fishing game.

But come fall, Sam returned to school and I was back on that pier lifting beautiful, fat flounder over the rail. But I missed the kid. I missed the reawakening of my own childhood. I missed his sharp, keen interpretations of Nature's scene. Let us say, I just plain missed the kid's company and let it go at that.

Well, anyway, this one particular Thursday in October I made my way to the pier and—lo and behold, there was Sam! On a school day! I was happy to see him, of course, but from the sheepish look I got, I knew something was wrong. I was certain I knew what he had done in order to go fishing, but I wanted him to tell me. And he did. He was "on the hook," he said. He just had to go fishing or "die in that gosh-darned classroom." Now, hooky-playing is common enough, and the good Lord knows I'd done it myself numerous times in order to go fishing. But I was determined that Sam would get no encouragement from "cold-hearted" Matt, no matter how much I sympathized with him.

I forced him to tell me exactly where he lived, threatening to cut off our relationship if he didn't. I took him home. And with some fear and trepidation, I confessed to his mother as best I could. I told her of our escapades and Sam's great love for fishing. I laid it on pretty thick I remember. It was tough going for a few minutes. But I made it. The result was that Sam could continue fishing with me just so long as he made good marks in school. There was to be no more hooky-playing. Period!

I don't know how Sam managed with his school work, but he did well enough to accompany me throughout his high school days with no fear of reprisal. He kept his promise, and I kept mine.

I don't know what happened to Sam. The war started and Sam went into the Army. I followed a year later. I know he took his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. I know, too, that he became a paratrooper. I also know he shipped to England and was in on the D-Day invasion. He wrote me several times after that. Then nothing. Nor did my V-Mail letters ever come back. After the war, I went to see Sam's parents, but they had moved. I never knew where, though I tried desperately to find out. They had just dropped out of sight.

So ends the story of the first kid I "took" fishing. For me—and for Same—it had been an extremely happy relationship, one which I wouldn't have missed for the world.

Now, I'm not saying that those fellows who make up their minds to take a kid fishing this spring will find the experience just as enjoyable. And then again, it might even be better. Who knows? Even if things don't turn out as expected (and some of my "good deeds" were pips, let me tell you) something will be learned. And that something is this: we are, indeed, our brother's keeper.

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The first half of this two-parter dealt mainly with the bottom species to be found at Montauk. This last half covers the glamour guys, the inshore game fish. Weakfish, striped bass, and bluefish are the backbone of the sport fishing industry in our area.

Before getting into the bluefish scene, let's go over the late summer visitors—bonito and albacore. That solid run of bonito that was witnessed here about 4 years back has dwindled away to a weak showing. Here and there a troller made a good score this summer, but the schools were small. Only a handful were taken on jigs. (More may have been caught on jigs if a sincere application of effort were applied. Instead, they remain an incidental catch.) Casting for 'bones' was also disappointing. What a pity. "Bonefish" are great fun on light tackle.

Albacore were back in force, a just as difficult to coax onto a hook ever. Because of the dog-meat quality, they are not sought af actively and will always rema another incidental catch. Uni bonito, which are delicious, albacore rate very low on anyon menu. But to the guy with a li casting stick, they are a party i themselves. Imagine catching 10 tuna in very shallow water and have false albacore fishing. morning in the middle of Septemb we scared up 10 albies plus 40 sm blues and 2 bonito. All casting shallow water.

The days devoted entirely bluefish were few this season. A gr deal of the bluefish taken on "Vivienne" came along with

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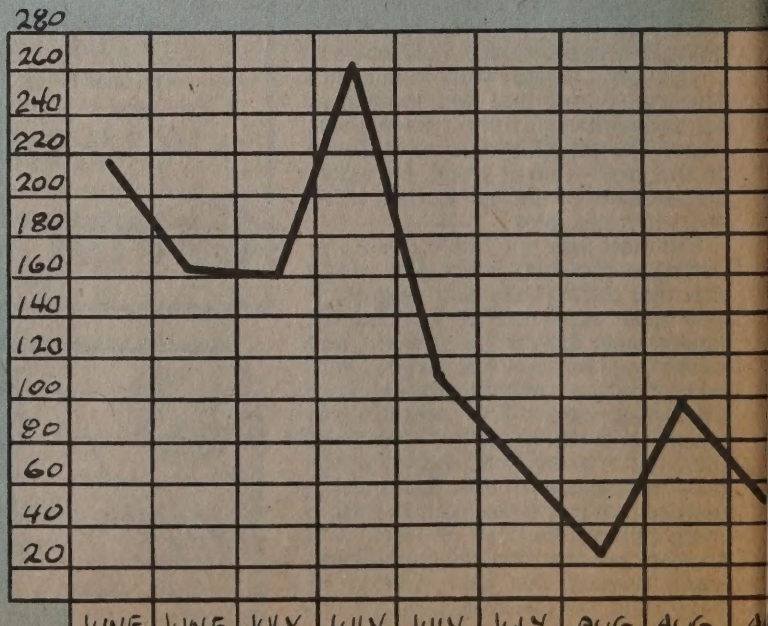

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aks and bass. In short, I caught s blues than in years past. This stly accountable to desire, not lack abundance. Montauk had blues all ison. At times they were a long ride ay for a half day trip, but vertheless, available. Other times y seemed to be all over the place. Nine bluefish were the first to flop deck on May 23rd. These early es come and go at "The Point" as ckly as the tides. By the middle of ne, big blues were being trolled in ep water on short lines five to eight es south of the Point. These big ppers did not bite all day, but her at peak moments. Being there the right time guaranteed a box of es in an hour. June 24 was the first g of blues closer to home; 53 fish at agwong, half weaks. That was to be pattern for most of the season. Fishing through the blues to get at the weakfish. Of course, I had days when it would be solid weaks, and days of only bluefish. On most occasions, I would leave the bluefish and go off in search of weaks. Most of my customers were in full agreement with this policy. If possible, pursue the weaks. Or, later on in the fall, try for striped bass.

This takes me up to fishing Cartwright for blues. Cartwright is something else! You drop the anchor, lower your baited hooks to the bottom, and more often than not, huge blues try to give anglers cardiac arrest by jumping on the hook one after another. Sounds great, doesn't it? Then why do I dislike it? Because in the guarantee of its fishing greatness, it becomes boring. It is

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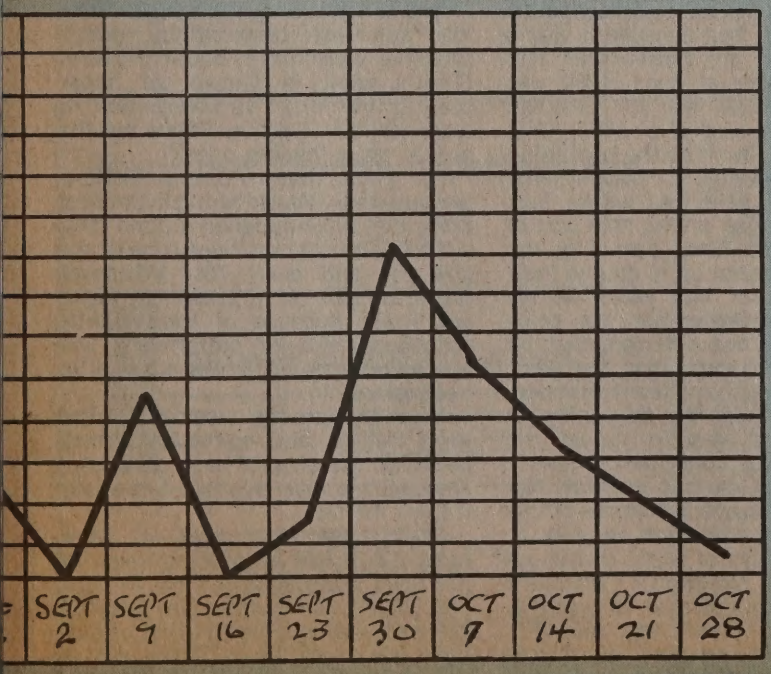

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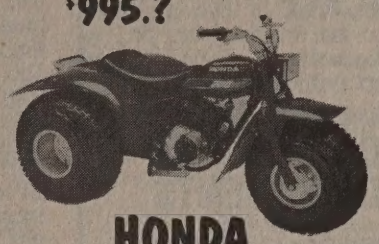

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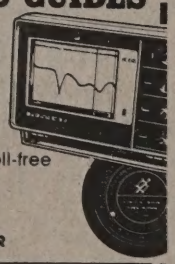

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void of most skills. The only talent required is a strong back. Here again, most of my steady trade would prefer not to fish Cartwright if given an option. Chasing blues with a diamond jig is a helluva lot more fun. The first trip to Cartwright showed 30 big blues. This was August 30th. The following afternoon, 41 fish. Then for about a period of three days, the fishing became picky for me at Cartwright (as little as 6 blues on one trip), only to get hot again. In all, Cartwright only saw the Vivienne on 14 trips for blues last season. Half of those trips were quickies as time was left for a shot at the point for weaks and bass when the tide seemed favorable. There are some pluses to be considered for Cartwright, but enough already!

All summer long bluefish come and go around "the Point" making for spotty fishing. The Sub Buoy was once again a disappointment. Unlike the Southwest Ledge area that held a body of fish from August on. All of the Block Island area was once again a hotspot all season. From right under the southeast lighthouse to the offshore depths to the south. For awhile I made the island on half day trips when the weaks were there inshore. In only two hours we diamond jigged up as many as 70 fish. Half blues and half weaks.

As to be expected, the biggest blue was caught a mile off the Montauk Point lighthouse, not in the deep waters beyond. On October 19, in a mixture of bass, weaks and blues, two blues went over 20 lbs.; the largest a hefty 22 lber. Funny how everything is relative. When we caught that brute (I had a one-man charter) we cursed him out. The reason being that we were into a school of big weakfish up to 12 lbs. when these giant blues moved in and broke up the party. So much for the wolf pack.

Weakfish were the big disappointment this year. Not because it was a bad year, but not **better** than last year. Or at least as good. 1980 was definitely a better year for weakfish than this past season of 1981. This frightens me. Can it be the beginning of a down cycle? It wasn't only Montauk that held less weaks but, judging by market prices, this part of the East Coast. Once past July the price of weaks shot up to double their highest mark of last year. As we rounded into September the price dropped some but still remained at least 50 percent more than last year. The schools were smaller in number.

Last year, from the beginning of July to the first week in August, the weakfishing was consistent. Never a miss as long as you had weather. Not so this year. A perfect example of this was the classic blunder on July 1. After seven days of fairly consistent fishing right at Shagwong, I phoned a party to come out as soon as possible. They arrived Wednesday morning, with a thick fog and a strong southwest wind. Meanwhile the fish had moved. They weren't where they should have been. All morning produced a total of 2 bluefish. That afternoon the fog lifted and my afternoon party, some using ultra-light tackle, no less, caught 101 fish. Half blues, and half weaks.

The weakfish graph which is as close an approximation as I can make to give you an idea of the run of fish, can be very misleading. An example is the week of July 22. Even though the chart shows 115 fish for that week ending the 29th, almost 100 weakfish were taken in one afternoon's fishing. In fact, four anglers pulled 660 lbs. of fish in 1½ hrs. that day. Neither does the graph show days not booked, cancelled trips, and breakdowns.

Last year's average size was about 6 lbs. This year it was 7. Not only was the average size up, but the biggest weaks I have ever seen came over the rail this season. These slammers passed through in the fall. By August I was taking weaks up to 10 lbs. in the S.W. Ledge area. Later on during the October bass run, we caught sea trout up to 12 lbs.

The weaks caught in July were easy to hook. As the fall drew closer, and especially in deep water areas, they became trickier to hook. As usual, with my preferred method of diamond jigging the fish, the better the angler, the higher the catch. Getting the fish and the fishermen together at the same time has always been my problem. For all their gluttony, a weakfish can be a tough customer to coax on a hook.

If this past year is going to dictate a trend in sea trout, mainly their decline, expect less weaks this year coming. Unfortunately, this will create a paradox that will only hasten their final departure. The less the numbers, the higher the price. The higher the price. The higher the price the more commercial effort to catch them, thus rushing the inevitable.

One consolation will be bigger fish. You can look forward to record breaking weakfish in about 6 years. (That's what is known as sugar coating the pill.) I've always said it and I will say it again, "Give me the action, not a few big ones."

I only hope that my dire predictions are pure folly. Weakfishing is the best thing that has happened around here since the sensational bass runs of the late 60s and early 70s. Whatever happens, look for a season of highs and lows. Because of their tightly schooling behavior patterns, it will always be feast or famine when after "squeakies."

Even though the weakfish scores were behind and somewhat disappointing, the striped bass gave us a pleasant surprise this fall. Let's take it from the top.

During the last week in May, rumors of a few bass being taken on the flood tide began to flow through the fishing community. On May 26 the gaff was used on the first of nine bass, the largest being 39 lbs. All the fish were big and caught diamond jigging. As in the recent spring runs,

this June saw little action. What compensated for numbers was size. Neither did the action last too long. My book shows June 10 as the last bass taken. Or so to speak, the end of the run.

The best spring bass trip was on June 5. On a Friday, we racked up 11 big bass. One caught casting, 4 trolling, and 6 diamond jigging. This day, as well as several others during the spring run, bass were seen rolling on top. Biggest fish recorded were a couple of bass that topped 40 lbs. Totals for May 26 to June 30 was 60 bass.

After that tepid spring run, the summertime bass fishing was non-existent. July produced a whopping 4 bass and August, the worst bass month I have ever recorded, resulted in not a single striped bass. Let me explain here that the July bass were mistakes that came along with the weakfish being taken around the point. In August, most fishing was done away from the point and not in the known bass areas. Had I been fishing the point in August, I would have caught more mistakes.

Now I'm sure there are a few readers with a good deal of fishing savvy who are now saying, "Well, he's a charter boat and restricted to the time clock when fishing. How about the bass sharpies who come and go as seen fit? I bet they had their nights." Well, not really. From what I could gather, most night riders considered a catch of 6 to be a damn good night.

For those who fish with me during the coming season, I am offering a free charter trip to the largest striped bass taken.

Things began to warm up in September. The count was 11 bass. Again, most of these were taken close to the point while chasing weaks. In fact most were caught casting. Things began to heat up in October. My log shows a total of 222 bass for October and 109 fish for November. The last bass I caught was November 12. Maybe some readers may not understand why I say the bass fishing was a pleasant surprise. Consider that last October yielded only 63 bass and I'm sure you now understand. Look closely at the figures and you notice that in only 12 days of November, I halved the October count. My best trip was on November 6. Two anglers bailed 30 bass on jigs plus 30 blues. Biggest bass was 34 lbs. This day was an example of what I described earlier when I talked about getting the fish, and the fishermen together. To elaborate that one step further, I seem to catch more fish with less people. Although I carry four passengers, that's my limit; I prefer less.

What really made the fall for me was the diamond jig production. The jig method kept up to the tubes and even produced better at times. A good run of big weakfish added to the fun. Blues also became more and more available around the point. Any time you can put 30 fish in the box of mixed species and varied sizes, you have good fishing.

The weather was passable, at best. I fished in very bad weather. Days I would have normally stayed at the dock I ventured forth because I was confident I would catch bass. That's a good feeling.

My biggest bass for the year was a 48 lber. taken on a 6 oz. Ava jig and #40 Sekora tube combination lure. I stayed with that combination all through the fall, for no other reason than habit. I found it worked well on the weakfish, so I just kept on using it for the mixed bag days and the straight bass fishing. A host of other big bass to 42 lbs. charged the excitement during the fall.

An an example of how each season has its own personality, in this season of relatively abundant striped bass, I caught very few by casting. Casting is difficult business and requires a skillful angler with his own personal tackle to achieve success. Due to the availability of bass in the deep waters, why push the casting when some bass could be taken under the light from time to time. Usually in the white water created by heavy seas. Getting in close when ground swells are breaking is a dangerous game. Two fishermen can attest to that after leaving the boat on the beach and walking home. Further down the south side where casting has always been productive, the gill nets dominated the scene. The mere presence of the net will spook the fish.

General talk around the dock was that the gill netters had a poor season. One netter, a 35' Bruno and Stillman, pitch poled when trying to round the point in a bad northeast blow. The two fishermen spent 1½ hours in the cold November sea. Lucky for them the tide was incoming or they may have never made the beach.

My impression of the season in one word is "good." Like any other year the pattern of highs and lows continued. The classic example is the case of one of my steady customers who got in on that 100 weakfish slaughter on a Friday afternoon, only to end up skunked that following Sunday afternoon. One day chicken, the next day feathers. What the hell gang, that's what fishing is all about.

I offer no predictions for next year. If you intend to fish Montauk this season either privately, or charter, choose your dates and hope for the best. This article will give you some idea of how the fish responded last year. Remember that fishing is not a calculated science and the unexpected is never any further away than the next day's fishing. (Like a run of giant cod in the middle of June.) One word of advice is fish for what's available, not what you prefer to catch. At least with this approach your chances for action are increased. That's good advice for the man who gets out one day a month and wants to put some fish in the boat. Good luck in 1982!

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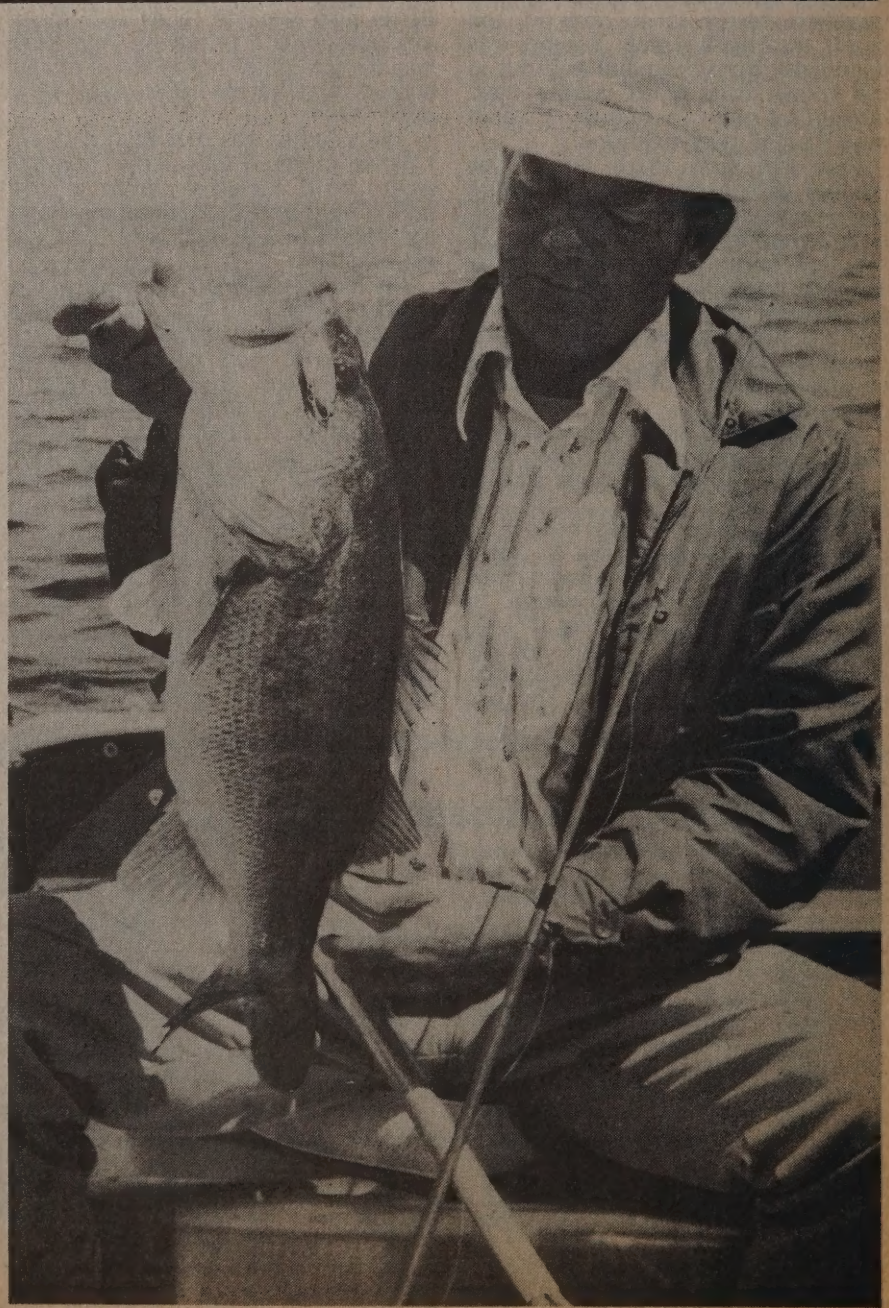
If you're one of Long Island's many dedicated black bass fans, you might want to take the advice of this well travelled angler.

Freshwater fishermen may be outnumbered in this area, but that doesn't mean they're any less enthusiastic about their fishing. In many cases they're content to quietly plug away at some very fine freshwater sport which receives relatively little publicity and, consequently, a minimum of pressure. However, while local bass fishermen may do very well in terms of numbers there are definite limits on the maximum size. Therefore, a winter or spring trip south in search of "one for the wall" makes a lot of sense.

While there are surprising numbers of 4-6 lb. bass in local waters, largemouths of 8 lbs. are unusual—and very few 10 lbers. have ever been taken this far north. As you progress south, you'll find the maximum size increasing steadily in response to the longer growing season. Just as serious striper fishermen wouldn't settle for anything less than a 50 lber. before mounting one, dedicated bass anglers seek out a 10 lber., and it's that quest which I'll concentrate on in this article.

By the time you get to Florida, you'll actually be fishing for a slightly different bass. The Florida strain not only has the longer growing season, but also has a genetic advantage. That's been proven beyond a doubt by transplants to relatively warm weather areas of Texas and southern California. Texas largemouth records have been tumbling constantly in recent years, and the biggest bass of all have been coming out of the various reservoirs surrounding San Diego. Not only is the weather suitable in south California, but the bass are also able to get fat and happy on a diet of planted rainbow trout.

Though this article will concentrate on the opportunities along this coast, most experts feel that the new record largemouth will come from one of those southern California reservoirs—or from some foreign tropical lake. The 20 lbers. of recent years have been coming from those San Diego area waters, though they haven't quite caught up to the most sought



Guide Bill Neel with a 7½ lber. the author plugged in Lake Okeechobee using a Cordell Spot.

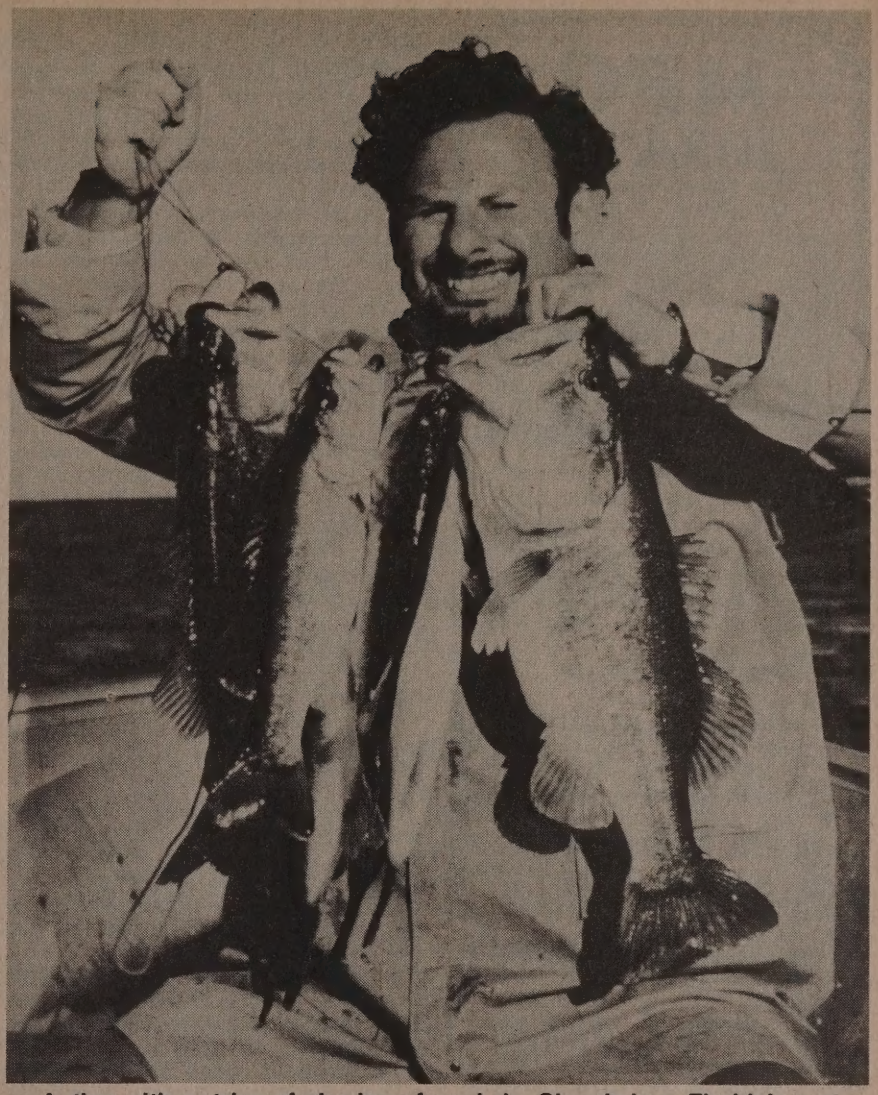
after all-tackle world record in the United States: the 22¼ lb. largemouth hooked by George W. Perry on June 2, 1932 in Montgomery Lake, Georgia. Raymond Easley came close with a 21 lb. 3 oz. specimen taken at Oakview, California on March 4, 1980. That latter catch holds the IGFA 8 lb. class record. It should be noted that these super bass from southern California are no great fighters. The "pickins" are so easy that the fish simply grow fat, rather than strong. The first 20 lber. taken there was caught by a relative novice fishing for trout with a worm and a spincast reel. That pot-belled fish was almost blind. In a marine environment, such a fish couldn't have survived. However, it's quite likely that the next record bass will be a specimen as grotesque in the world of fishes as the fat lady of the circus is among humans.

If it's a ten pound trophy you're looking for, then the San Diego reservoirs are a very good bet. Indeed, "Outdoor Life" magazine is sending some of its bass experts there this year in order to come up with some records. As those lakes are quite open during the prime winter season, the biggest of bass can be caught on the lightest of lines—even by average anglers. On the other hand, trophy bass hooked in tropical waters are usually a real challenge—with plenty of nearby cover to work with. Back in the early 70s it looked as if a new record was going to come from Honduras, but that fishing died out. It's come back since, though there's little talk these days about the likelihood of a 20 lber.

The same thing applies to Cuba, even though that country probably provides the best shot at a trophy bass. Big bass were discovered before Castro took over, and the rumors that floated around during the period the country was closed to Americans indicated that world record bass were all but a sure thing. Cuba did open up to American fishermen a few years ago, and bass addicts have been making the pilgrimmage ever since. By all accounts, the fishing is usually very good—but there haven't been any 20 lbers. as yet. However, big bass of 6-10 lbs. are often caught in great numbers, and 10 lb. plus trophies are quite common.

Unless you're planning to fly to the West Coast, or making an expedition to Cuba, your best bet is to simply head south this winter or spring. This may not be the most pleasant time to fish in Florida (temperatures in the 30s and 40s are quite routine in the Florida "bass belt" during the winter), but the pre-spawning bass are at their fattest. Your best shot at a trophy is to catch a pre-spawning female—and the spawning season is a lot earlier in the deep south than it is up here. Therefore, February and March are peak months for large bass in Florida, while April is a better bet in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Though largemouths seem to grow bigger as year-round air and water



Author with a string of nice bass from Lake Okeechobee, Florida's vast inland sea—where it can get a bit chilly on a breezy winter morning!

temperatures increase, the biggest bass in Florida are actually taken in the central and northern portions of the state. However, there is one southeastern lake that deserves your attention if you're more interested in volume than in a trophy. Florida has 7,712 lakes of one acre or more, but all are dwarfed by that great inland sea known as Lake Okeechobee. That lake has 448,000 acres of bass producing water, and only the fringes of the lake get much pressure. There's so much water and so much weed, that most Okeechobee bass probably die of old age without ever having the opportunity to see a lure or hooked bait. Small and medium bass are quite abundant, and 6-8 lbers. are routine. However, relatively few 10 lbers. are caught in Okeechobee—though state netting surveys invariably turn up lots of them.

The reason I'd rather pass up the bigger fish to the north and do my bass fishing in Okeechobee is that it's simply more fun there. Whereas the vast majority of trophy bass taken elsewhere in Florida fall to live bait, most Okeechobee largemouths are caught on lures. I have little patience for worm fishing, but you'll never have to ask me twice if I'd like to throw a Johnson weedless spoon over the pepper grass patches. In Okeechobee you can spend all day going from one patch to another, and the action can be wild when the fish turn on. I've done well with silver, gold, and black spoons—all tipped with an Arbogast Hula Skirt. Big plastic worms also work very well in the weeds. My experience has been at the very southern end of the lake, out of the Jolly Roger Marina in Clewiston—"America's Sweetest City" (the heart of Florida's sugar country). It's a good idea to get a guide the first time you fish there. The guides are inexpensive and fish right along with you. I don't know if they're still there, but I can highly recommend Woody Conway and Bill Neel at Jolly Roger.

Moving into central Florida, there are many fine choices. The Kissimmee chain is most famous for stringers of big bass, but trophy fish can come out of almost any small lake. For instance, on one trip several years ago I met Bill McManus (a transplanted Iowan) at his home in Lake Wales and expected to take off for one of the famous lakes surrounding that

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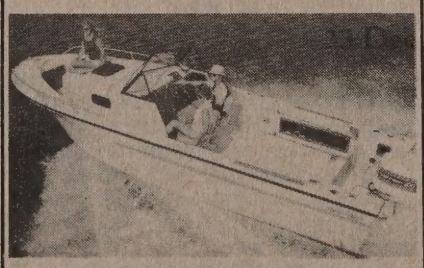

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small city. Instead, we walked to the end of his block and fished a lake (more like a pond) right in the city. Sure enough, we caught bass approaching trophy size—and Bill was disappointed that we didn't catch one of the 10-12 lbers. that he hooks quite frequently.

The trick there, as in other central and northern Florida waters, is to first obtain some very large shiners. At that time you had to catch them yourself, but now they are frequently available for purchase—at a steep price! If you have a guide, he'll take care of getting a supply, or will let you help him catch a few by pin-hooking them in the reeds with tiny pieces of bread. The shiners are fished (usually with one or two treble hooks) on a float or trolled very slowly. The bigger the shiners, the bigger the bass. Don't even bother with the small shiners sold for crappie fishing unless you're willing to settle for small bass. As with live bait fishing for striped bass with bunkers, largemouths must be allowed to run with the large bait and turn it in their mouth before an attempt is made to set the hook. It's not very interesting fishing, but it's a good way to hook the trophy every bass angler wants.

Even more deadly is the method employed by guides north of Orlando who spot spawning bass on their beds and throw live baits at them until they strike. Under these circumstances the bass aren't interested in eating, but the bait fish annoys them and they'll often end up taking it in their mouth in order to drive it off the bed. At that moment the fisherman strikes and the struggle ensues. Due to the heavy cover involved, most bass would be lost in this fishing if light lines were used. Therefore, the guides usually employ 20 and 30 lb. test mono or braided on stout baitcasting gear.

This fishing is best accomplished in the Ocala National Forest area with its clear waters and hundreds of small lakes. Trophy fishermen also zero in on Lake Jackson, north of Tallahassee, though the productivity of that lake varies greatly from year to year. Big plastic worms are very effective there. Back on the Atlantic side, the St. John's River system is very productive of big bass.

Moving north, Georgia is full of good bass waters, though most are at their best in the spring. The best bets during the winter may be Lakes Seminole and Eufaula in the southwest portion of the state and Lake Lanier, about 50 miles northeast of Atlanta. All have produced bass over 15 lbs., but are better bets in March and April when the largemouths move into shallow waters for spawning. At the same time, consider the Altamaha River system in the southeast corner (the world record bass came from a slough off the Ocmulgee River in this system) and Jackson Lake, just south of Covington in central Georgia.

The big attraction in South Carolina is the Santee-Cooper Lakes (Marion and Moultrie). Route 95 takes you right over Lake Marion at the town of Santee. Though best known for its landlocked striper fishing, Santee-Cooper also offers some of the finest bass fishing in the nation. Trophy largemouths aren't all that common, but big stringers of medium and large bass are—especially in the spring. This is primarily lure fishing, and a guide is almost essential for the uninitiated.

Moving up to North Carolina, you'll find good bass fishing during the winter in Lake Norman, north of Charlotte, where a power plant provides a hot water discharge. However, the best fishing in North Carolina occurs in the spring. Lake Norman is good all year, but it's possible to hit some of the best sport without getting too far from your mainline to Florida: Route 95. Right below the Virginia border you'll run into Lakes Kerr and Gaston (impoundments of the Roanoke River) and some of the best bass fishing in the state. As with Santee-Cooper, these lakes are actually better known for their striper fishing—which is best in the spring.

Over toward the coast, you'll find a spot I mentioned in an article I wrote last year about fishing on the Outer Banks. Currituck Sound is no place to seek a trophy. You're more likely to catch an 8 lber. in local waters. However, that vast body of shallow water (located just below the Virginia border) produces great numbers of small to medium bass—and it's all "fun" fishing! Forget about the live bait and plastic worms, you can do a job in Currituck Sound with top water baits (such as the Johnson Silver Minnow) and fly rod popping bugs. The fishing is in weed beds reminiscent of Lake Okeechobee, and along marshy shorelines with the sound of booming surf from the other side of the dunes in the background. I fished Currituck from Caroland Farm Lodge in Poplar Branch, which is right off Route 158—the road to the Outer Banks. Guides work out of this lodge at very reasonable rates, and the home cooking there will make the trip worthwhile even if you get blown out! Best of all, both of these northern North Carolina areas (Currituck and Kerr-Gaston) are only a day's drive from the Metropolitan Area.

Just over the North Carolina border you'll find some exceptional bass fishing in Virginia. Buggs Island Lake connects with Kerr and is famous for its spring largemouth fishing. A trophy fish is a real possibility there. The Back Bay area along the southeast coast (below Virginia Beach) has excellent brackish water bass fishing, especially for fly rodders.

This list of bass waters hardly begins to cover all of those which would be of interest to northern anglers during the winter and spring, but it does provide some "dreaming" material—especially in terms of "one for the wall." Here's hoping you find yours this winter!

POPULAR PANFISH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

PANFISH TEND TO BE OVERLOOKED BY SOME FISHERMEN WHO CONCENTRATE THEIR ANGLING FOR STATUS TROUT AND BASS. A PANFISH IS ANY OF NUMEROUS SMALL *(FRYING PAN SIZE)* FRESHWATER SPECIES USUALLY IN WARM LAKES AND PONDS AND ONLY THE SIMPLEST TACKLE IS NEEDED TO CATCH THEM – SUCH AS A SNAPPER RIG! NORTHEAST PANFISH INCLUDE PERCH, ROCK BASS, CRAPPIES & BULLHEADS,

YELLOW PERCH CAN BE CAUGHT ON WORMS, MINNOWS AND LURES, THERE ARE LARGE POPULATIONS OF THESE MOST CO-OPERATIVE FISH WHICH AVERAGE LESS THAN A POUND. MOST STATES HAVE NO SIZE OR CATCH LIMITS. PERCH ARE EXCELLENT FOOD FISH AND IDEAL TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO THE PLEASURES OF ANGLING.

ROCK BASS ARE ATTRACTED TO MOST ANY BAIT OR LURE AND RESEMBLE THEIR LARGER BLACK BASS COUSINS, BUT COME IN SUNFISH SIZE WITH RED BLOODSHOT EYES. AVERAGE ½ POUND, NO LIMITS AND FINE EATING.

CRAPPIES, BOTH BLACK & WHITE, ARE LOOK ALIKES FOUND IN LAKES AND PONDS – ALSO CALLED STRAWBERRY BASS, CALICO BASS AND "CROPPIE". THEY ADAPT TO BOTH CLEAR AND MUDDY WATER. THE BEST BAIT IS SMALL MINNOWS AND THESE FISH ARE CONSIDERED A SUPERB FOOD FISH AVERAGING NINE INCHES. USUALLY NO LIMITS.

BULLHEADS BELONG TO THE CATFISH FAMILY AND ARE EASY TO CATCH ANYTIME WITH WORMS ON THE BOTTOM WITH EVENING THE MOST PRODUCTIVE TIME. BULLHEADS LIVE IN HOT MUDDY WATERS AND ALSO IN CLEAR COLD MOUNTAIN LAKES. THEY CAN BE KEPT ALIVE INDEFINITELY... USUALLY NO SIZE OR CATCH LIMITS AND RUN A LITTLE LARGER THAN THE AVERAGE PERCH.

AS A TEENAGER FISHING THE UPSTATE WATERVLIET RESERVOIR ..... FROM SHORE I CAUGHT AND CLEANED *125 CRAPPIES* TAKEN ON MINNOWS I NETTED IN THE OUTFLOW NORMANSKILL CREEK NEAR ALBANY, N.Y.

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FLOUNDER FROM SHORE:

THE OTHER CANAL

by John V. Konior

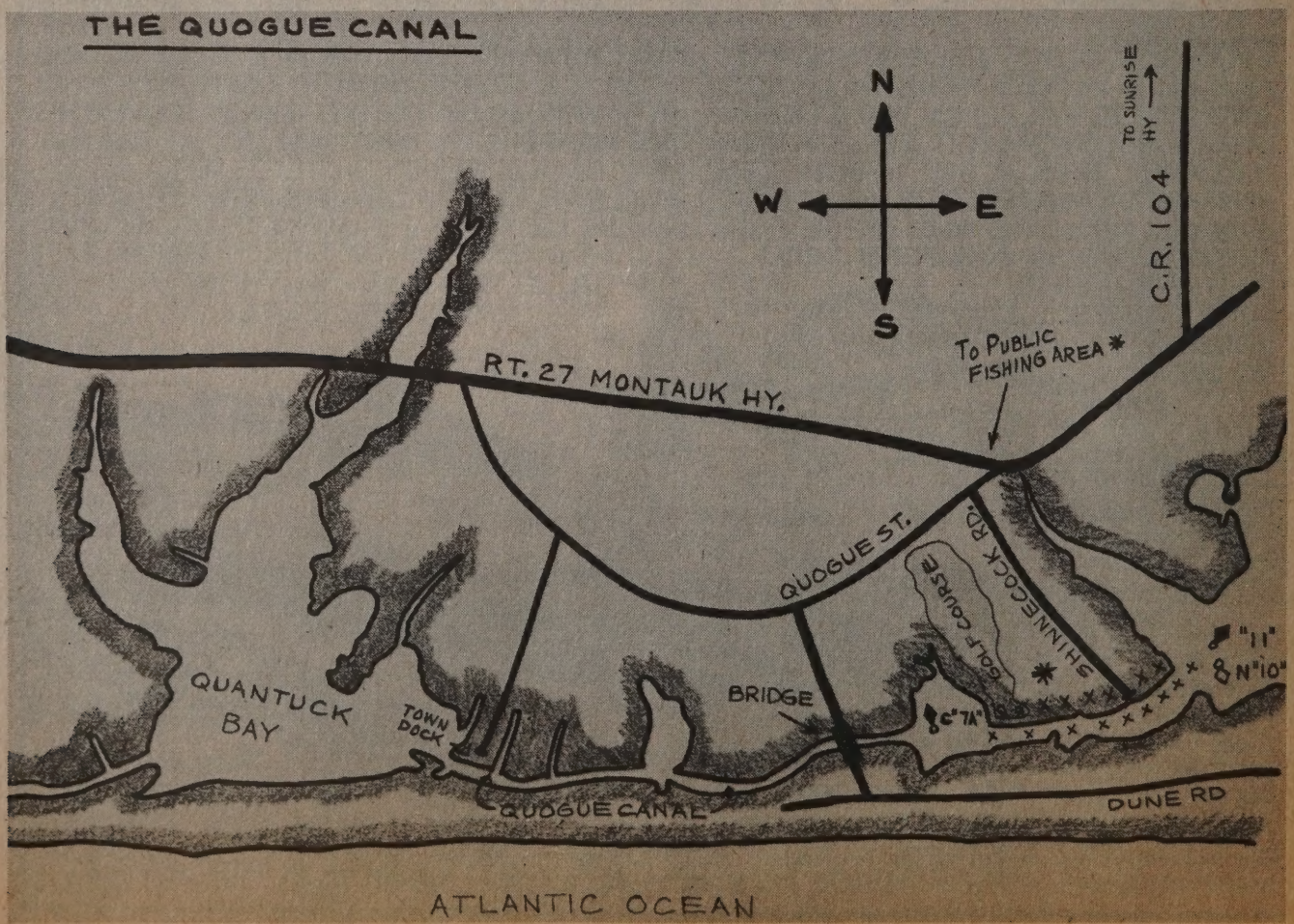
"...it nets down to being able to catch fish consistently, and being able to fish from shore."

Fishermen are known to be fanatics at times. For example, why would anyone in their right mind drive 60 miles or more to go flounder fishing—particularly when the temperature is hovering around the freezing mark, snow is falling and the wind is blowing half a gale? I guess I'm a fanatic because that's exactly what I do every year, when the itch to go fishing again gets intolerable. Sometimes, during the inevitable February thaw, I even admit to rushing the season a bit. But, what the heck, it's still an opportunity to air out the tackle and rust a few hooks.

But, getting back to that driving distance. I happen to reside in Hicksville, and you may wonder why with so many fishing areas close to home that I find it necessary to go so far. Well, it nets down to being able to catch fish consistently, and being able to fish from shore. So where is this super haven you ask? Well, it's the Quogue Canal, in the Township of Quogue.

Before I tell you how to get there, let's discuss the canal first. The canal is a relatively narrow (no wider than 250' at its widest point), short (approximately 1½ miles long), and shallow (4'-20') waterway, running in an east/west direction connecting Shinnecock and Quantuck Bays. It is located on the south shore of Long Island, parallel to the barrier island just south of it, which ranges from Shinnecock Inlet on the east and Moriches Inlet on the west. As can be inferred, it's a main inland waterway for boats as well as fish. However, that's another story, and we'll concentrate on the main topic; i.e., spring flounder.

Now let's get into directions. I would suppose that most traffic would be from the west. On that basis, those coming from the north shore should take the L.I.E. to Exit 70; proceed south on C.R. 111 to Sunrise Highway Rt. 27 East; then to C.R. 104 South to Quogue making a right on Montauk Highway (west); drive half a mile until Qougue Street, then turn left for 1 block, and make another left on Shinnecock Road; go to end of road and park alongside of road. If you're coming from the south shore, take Southern State Parkway to Sunrise



Highway exit (east), and drive until reaching C.R. 104 Quogue exit. The rest of the directions remain the same.

The primary fishing area extends approximately 500-600 yards in either direction from directly in front of the parking area. If you opt for the east end, almost any place right up to the bend is excellent. I don't recommend fishing around on the east side of the point because the water is very shallow there. You will notice, when at the point, that there are two buoys located ESE of the point around 1/2 mile away (buoys #10 and #11). The location marked by these buoys is famous for flounder fishing year-round. The east end is lined by dunes and tall reeds which provide excellent protection from N, NW and NE winds. One problem is that during high tides the narrow beach is covered with water.

The west side is relatively open marsh land with some reeds. You can fish at any spot except the golf course which is located on the extreme west end and is bulkheaded. Some fishermen do fish the area, but know that they are subject to being asked to leave. You will notice that the Quogue Bridge which connects the mainland and the barrier island is located around a 1/4 mile west of the golf course. Located approximately halfway between the bridge and the golf course (along the north side of the canal) is the famed Buoy #7A, known for super catches of flounder and tomcods.

As mentioned, however, almost any place along the public area will produce fish. Unfortunately, fishing is limited to this area because the remaining property lining the canal is privately owned, particularly the entire southern side. On the extreme northwest end of the canal (the end adjoining Quantuck Bay) is a town area, consisting of beachfront and a pier. However, this area is restricted to town residents and is strictly enforced.

Quogue Canal flounder fishing starts in early March, but really picks up towards the end of the month and lasts until early May. Typically, the best baits during the first two to three weeks in March are ribbed mussels and clam (natural or yellow dyed). By the last week of March and through early May blood and sandworms work best, but red and yellow dyed clams still get their share. Regardless of which bait I use, I find that my catch is improved if I tip the hook with a kernel of corn.

I recommend that you shuck the mussels before. Soak them in a solution of brine to toughen them up a bit. By doing so you'll avoid frostbitten fingers in the early season, and less lost bait when casting or when getting a nibble.

Make sure you wear waterproof boots, and bring along a sand spike for each rod you intend using. I prefer bringing two medium action spinning

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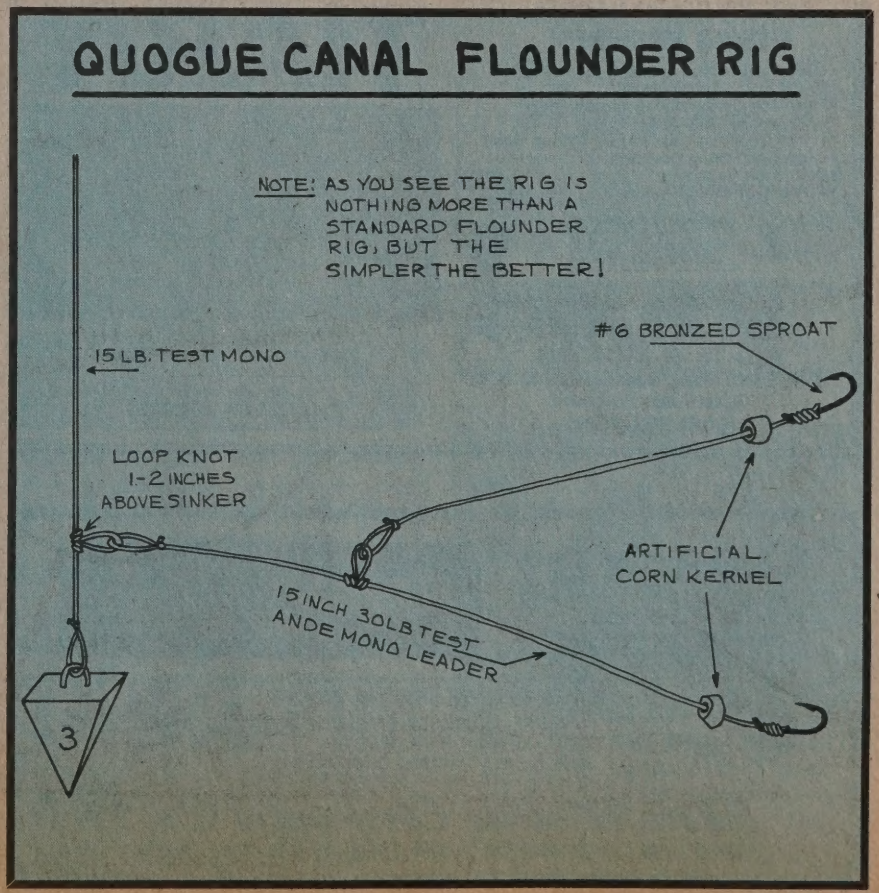
Author's father displays a fat, Quogue Canal flounder taken in early March.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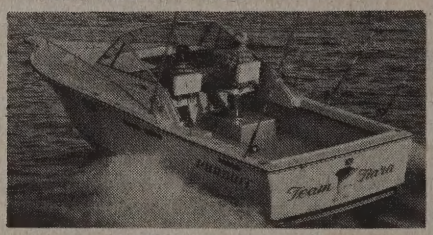

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I like to use a 2 or 3 oz. pyramid sinker, employed with a tandem rig tied directly above the sinker (two hooks). I tie my own rigs, and there's no question in my own mind that the #6 short shank Sproat hook is the best flounder hook around. I use 30 lb. test standard Ande mono to snell my flounder hooks with 15'' leaders. I also slide on an artificial kernel of corn on each leader. Here again, in my opinion, this addition does improve my catch. I've experimented with various rigs such as the Florida (sliding sinker), Fish Finder, etc., and find the simpler, least complex rig the better when casting. As far as technique is concerned, I've been pretty successful by employing the following:

- Use a sinker weight which allows the rig to bounce slowly along the bottom with the current.
- Vary casting distance; start with a long cast and when line is paid out, slowly retrieve it a few feet, stop for a minute and repeat the process.
- When leaving your rod in the sand spike, don't rush to set hook upon detecting a hit; more often than not the fish will hook itself. In fact, by leaving rod unattended for a minute or so after the first hit you're apt to catch a double-header.
- When there's a great deal of weed in the water, shorten your cast. You will catch fish within 25' of the shore and will encounter less weed.

Several features of the Quogue Canal are:

—the large incidence of double-headers. You may go without a nibble for 20 minutes, then end up catching a pair of fish.

—lack of pesty crabs. Unlike other areas very few calico and rock crabs are in evidence, although the canal does get its fair share of spider crabs.

—unobstructed bottom. It's quite unusual to lose a rig because of a snag.

—being surprised by number and size of fish. It's not unusual to pick up in excess of 30 fish by yourself, with several in excess of 2 lbs. Last year I picked one up in early March which measured 17¾'' in length, but was very thin.

—variety. By mid-April it's not at all uncommon to pick up other species, such as blacks, tomcods, and eels; and by May I've seen an early weakfish or two.

So, there you have it. If you're looking for an excellent flounder spot and are a land-bound angler, the Quogue Canal is your best bet. It's definitely worth the drive!

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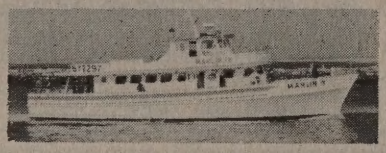

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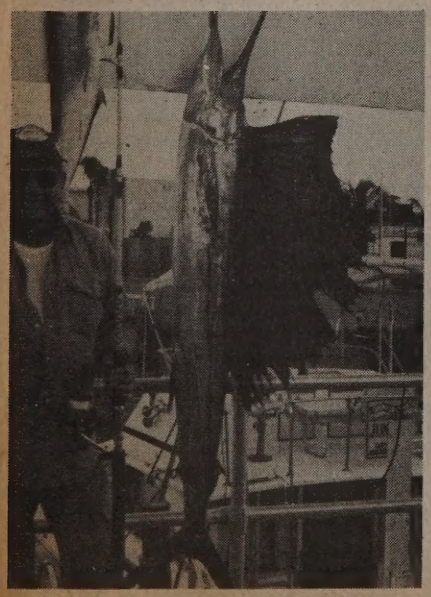

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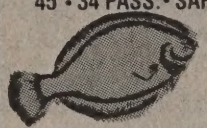

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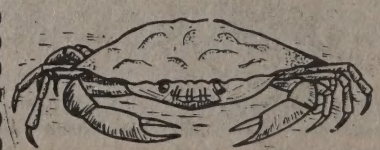

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Mike Bock skippering the **Viking Star** on this past week's trips, reported that Wednesday's trip at Cartwright saw very good fishing for 31 men. Cod from 3-5 lbs. were caught to the tune of 10-12 a man. Saturday's trip for 18 people was also at Cartwright with fishing a little better than Wednesday, with catches averaging 12-15 cod a man, fish still in the 3-5 lb. range. A 35 lb. cod took the pool. Sunday's trip for 51 passengers saw the small fish pretty much gone, with a bit larger fish having taken their place. Twenty-five fish went between 10-15 lbs. with catches averaging 6-8 fish a man, the pool winner being a 35 lber. High hook was 17 cod. Mike expects big cod and pollack to bust loose at the CIA grounds any day now. He's trying there every trip, so as to be in for this excellent fishing.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

MORICHES BAY

"The ice is off the bay, we have boats in the water, and we'll have mussels and clams by the weekend." So said Larry of **L&M Marine** who just recently returned from two months of fishing in the Florida Keys. He reminded that the first decent scores last year were made in late Feb./early March and added that clammers have already begun taking fish in their tongs.

OAKDALE

From **J&R Sport Shop**, Dave spoke of a lot of nice trout coming out of Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. Browns and rainbows from 14" to 16" predominate, but there has also been a good showing of 2 to 3 lb. browns. Salmon eggs, garden worms, spinners, and live killies have all accounted for fish. No word yet on white perch or flounder.

BAY SHORE

Captain Neil Delanoy, of the open boat **Casey Lee**, reminded that he will begin sailing Wednesdays, Fridays, and weekends at 7:30AM on Saturday, March 6. The boat will begin a

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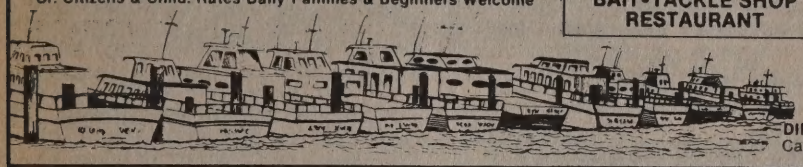

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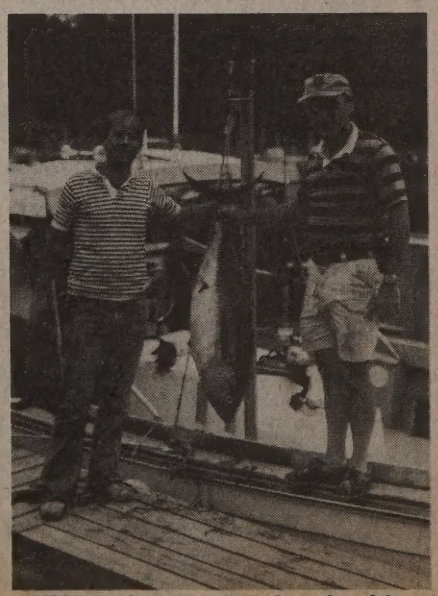


Dick Prior and Jack Lynch with a fine yellowfin taken in 130' of water, S.E. of Moriches Inlet last summer. Subscriber photo.

daily sailing schedule on March 17th. Watch the **Casey Lee** ad for details on new rebate policy.

CAPTREE

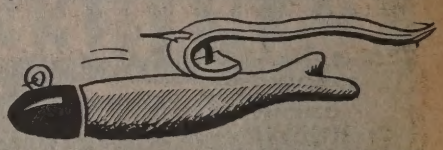
A note from Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** that they will begin the flounder season on March 6th. The skipper noted that the flatfishing got off to a fast start at this time last year.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the **Capt. Rod** is optimistic about the upcoming flounder season. His optimism is founded on last spring's good fishing. He, too, will begin sailing on March 6th, departing at 8AM.

Of the local codfishing, Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI**, reported pretty good fishing on Saturday in 100' to 110' of water south of Fire Island Inlet. Fares totalled 35 fish with most in the 10-12 lb. class. Pool fish was a 35 lber. Sunday's fishing was rated poor by the skipper.

SEAFORD

Charlie at **Lon Wanser's Tackle Shop,** said that very few people are thinking flounder yet, but that the picture should chance in the next couple of weeks. While he did sell some clam bait this past week, he did not hear whether the anglers managed to pick any flatties out of the mud.



New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Captain Richie Kessinger on the **StarStream II** reports fishing was "so-so" on the weekend. Highlight of the weekend was a 40 lb. cod which grabbed Sunday's pool. A few fish in the high 20s were taken, but most cod fell in the 4-12 lb. range. This is all bait fishing. Richie says he will be continuing codfishing since this continues to be a very productive season.

Captain Jim Lanzaretti of the **Super Spray II** tells us the weekend was a little tough and fish were smaller than in the previous weeks. Saturday saw Bob Rojas high hook with 5 cod and also the pool fish. Fish are running in the 5-10 lb. range. Sunday's high hook was 4 fish for Paul Stern, a regular on the boat. Last weekend, to show you how the fishing picture changes, the pool winner was a 65 lb. cod.

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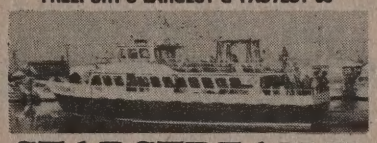

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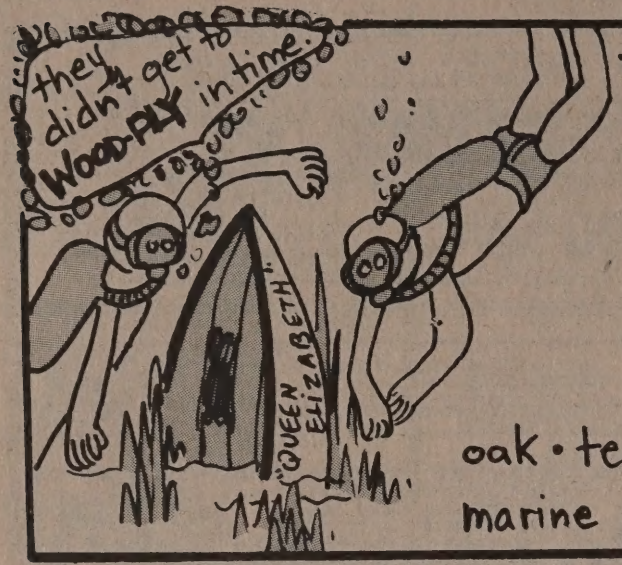

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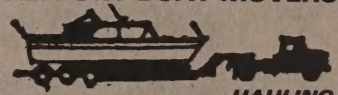
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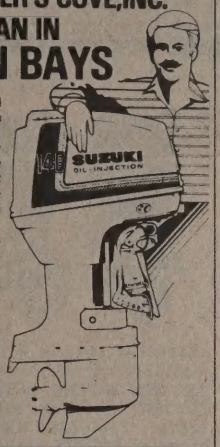

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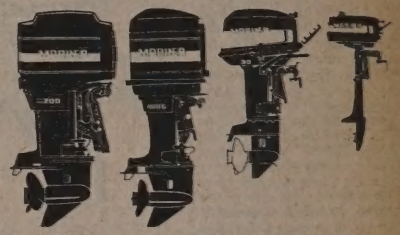

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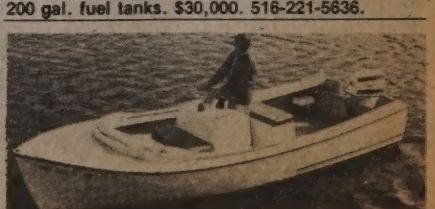

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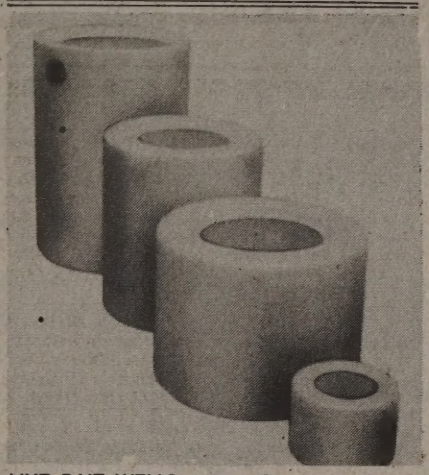

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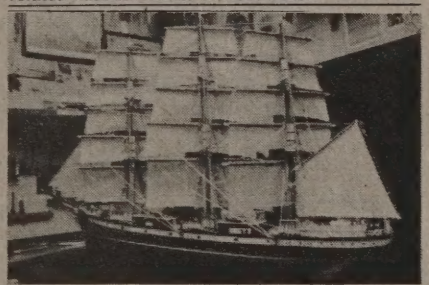

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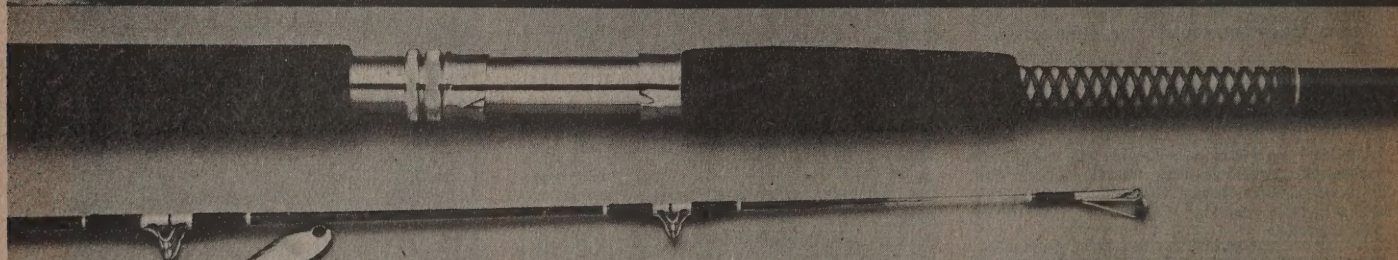

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